



# District Council of Cooper Pedy Newsletter

*Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World*

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## MAYORS REPORT - March 2014

Mayor Steve Baines

By the time of the Council meeting the state election will be over and we will know who will be governing the state for the next four years. It has been extremely interesting to be in a seat that for this election is considered by both major parties to be marginal. We must now build relationships with our new local member and whichever party is in government in an endeavour to maximise the benefits to our town and region.

The requirement to widen the runway due to a change in CASA regulations is still the contentious issue with funding still being sought from the Federal government. Council has once again partnered with Regional Express and many media interviews have been conducted by both Warrick Lodge and myself, as well as lobbying and writing to both Federal and State members. I am confident that both a short term and long term solution will be forthcoming that will allow the REX SAAB340 and other larger aircraft to continue using the Cooper Pedy airport.

I have written to the Crown Solicitors Office requesting information about the status of Native Title negotiations over the local government area of Cooper Pedy. It is our understanding that Councils' part in the negotiations have been finalised and the parties are now waiting on an acceptable Indigenous Land Use Agreement being formulated by the Crown Solicitors office. I have asked for specific information regarding the anticipated date for an ILUA and our resident's ability to freehold once the ILUA has been signed. At the time of writing no reply has been received.

The commitment by both major political parties to reduce both commercial and residential electricity tariffs has the potential to save our businesses and residents many hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. I am hopeful that the majority of these savings particularly from the business sector will be reinvested within our community in the form of employment and investment that will see a revitalisation of business activity within the town and region. The new tariffs will take effect on the 1st July this year.



**Eddie Hughes - SA Labor  
Member for Giles**

## District Council of Cooper Pedy Meeting of Electors

Pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act 1999 the District Council of Cooper Pedy hereby advises that it will hold a meeting of Electors to be held on Wednesday 16th April 2014 in the Greek Hall, St Nicholas Street, Cooper Pedy commencing at 7pm.

The nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting is "Does the community support the construction of a Homelessness Support Service (aka Transitional Accommodation Centre) in Cooper Pedy?".

The following persons are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting of electors:

- any person who is enrolled on the voters roll for the area as an elector, and
- a nominee of a body corporate or group which has its name on the voters roll for the area

Any enquiries in regards to the meeting can be directed to the District Council of Cooper Pedy Administration Centre, Hutchison St, Cooper Pedy ph 86724600

Phil Cameron  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Moved to Cooper Pedy?

It is opportune at this time of the year to remind newcomers to our town and region that there is one more thing that you need to do. Update your electoral enrolment. Christmas and New Year is traditionally the time when people move to our town, and electoral enrolment is something that is easily overlooked. Enrolment forms are available from your local Post Office, District Council, AEC website, or by phoning 13 23 26.

Many of the services provided to the town, including Council funding, is population based. By updating your electoral role details to reflect that you now live in Cooper Pedy, we can all enjoy better services and infrastructure. So change your electoral enrolment details now while you remember, and welcome to Cooper Pedy.

## Media commitments this month:

ABC Radio 12/2/2014 re Electricity pricing

Roxby Monitor 12/02/2014 re Electricity pricing

The Australian 14/02/2014 re Homelessness Centre

The Advertiser 14/02/2014 re Electricity pricing

Roxby Monitor 18/02/2014 re Electricity pricing

ABC Radio 19/02/2014 re Electricity pricing

The World Today 20/02/2014 re Electricity pricing

ABC Radio 5/3/2014 re Airport Runway widening

The World Today 6/3/2014 re Airport Runway Widening

# Coober Pedy Opal Festival

**Saturday 19th April 2014**  
**1pm - 10pm**

Enjoy the colour, fun and excitement that is the Coober Pedy Opal Festival!

## Live Band



The 2014 Coober Pedy Opal Festival is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join the volunteer workforce needed to deliver this fun event. The volunteer roles available cater for a range of skills, responsibilities and time commitments, providing an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Seeking volunteers for the following:

- Novelty event coordinators
- Parade marshals
- Event administration crew

Community events such as this rely heavily on volunteer involvement. By volunteering for the Opal Festival you will receive free entry to the festival, have fun and know that you are a part of one of the great Coober Pedy events!

## Carter's IGA Fresh & Cellarbrations Street Parade

Get your float organised  
**Best Float prize \$1,000 cash!**

Are you part of a community group, organisation, business or just like minded individuals that would like to help make the Coober Pedy Opal Festival 2014 street parade the best yet?

If so assemble your helpers, get your float ready, put in your float registration (found on [www.opalfestival.com.au](http://www.opalfestival.com.au)) and get ready to have some fun!



## Program Sneak Peak

Holding Sacks of Opal **Imparja**  
Box Car Races **Child Community Links**  
Mine Rescue Demonstration **SES**  
Sporting Events **Coober Pedy Football Club**  
Toss the Sausage **Mike Maylin Construction**  
Water Balloon Toss **Radeka's Downunder**  
Opal Queen & King **Coober Pedy Glassworks**  
Tug of War **Shell Coober Pedy**  
Fireworks Display **OZ Minerals, Lin Andrews & IMX**

Bring your photos along & enter them in the '**Centenary Photo Competition**'. For more info visit the Council website!

## Stall Holder/Exhibitor Information

Be part of this years Opal Festival by hosting a stall. Stall rates are below.

Go to [www.opalfestival.com.au](http://www.opalfestival.com.au) to download the "Stall Holder Booking Form" or pick one up from the Council Main Office.

Marquee bookings due by:  
**Friday 4th April 2013**

**Art and Craft space in pavilion**  
**\$20** - Art and Craft Trestle table size area

**Marquee Hire**  
**\$250** - 3m x 6m marquee  
Additional sizes may be requested. Price on application.

**Providing Own Marquee**  
**\$0** - Volunteer and Community Organisations

**Price on application** - Commercial Operator Site Fee

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## The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt Saturday 31st May 2014

The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt Committee and the District Council of Coober Pedy are inviting Coober Pedy Community Groups or Causes to apply for the proceeds raised from The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt in 2014.

Please be aware that the proceeds are yet to be raised and the total amount is unknown until after the event has taken place on Saturday 31 May 2014. Please be aware that the proceeds raised will be donated to one Community Group or Cause and not divided among several.

[www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au)

All applications must be written:

- Addressed to The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt Committee
- Outline what the money raised will be used for within the Community Group or Cause
- Outline how the use of the proceeds will benefit the local community
- Include contact details (postal address, phone number and email address) of Chairperson / President and Secretary

Completed applications are to be forwarded to:

Clair Alford, District Council of Coober Pedy  
PO Box 425, Coober Pedy SA 5723

Or via email: [calford@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:calford@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au) and must be received by close of business on **Friday 25 April 2014**.

Please direct any enquiries to Clair Alford at the District Council of Coober Pedy during business hours on 08 8672 4624 or via the email listed above.

**Thank you sponsors:**



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