

## The GREAT Breakaways Marathon

We are thrilled to share with you the exciting news that 'The GREAT Breakaways Bolt' has been selected as a finalist in the 2014 South Australian Regional Awards for the StatewideSuper Tourism Award. The winner will be announced at a Presentation Evening on October 15 at Roxby Downs.

The South Australian Regional Awards are held annually to celebrate and showcase the achievements of individuals, groups and organisations that have made significant contributions to regional South Australia. For more information visit: <http://www.brandsouthaustralia.com.au/programs-and-awards/regional-awards>



Watch this space in the next newsletter to find out how the 'Bolt' fared amongst competition. Hopefully we will be able to announce a great result.

The GREAT Breakaways Bolt has huge potential for bringing visitors to our unique town. To help this event reach its potential we are making a few changes, including extending the track to a marathon length of 42km to encourage more runners and changing the name to The GREAT Breakaways Marathon to more accurately represent the distance to non-local marathon runners. We also have an exciting new logo for the promotion of the Marathon.

## New Website for the Coober Pedy Opal Festival

The Coober Pedy Opal Festival, our towns largest community event, is only 6 months away!

In preparation for the event, the Opal Festival website has had a makeover and is looking much more modern & fresh.

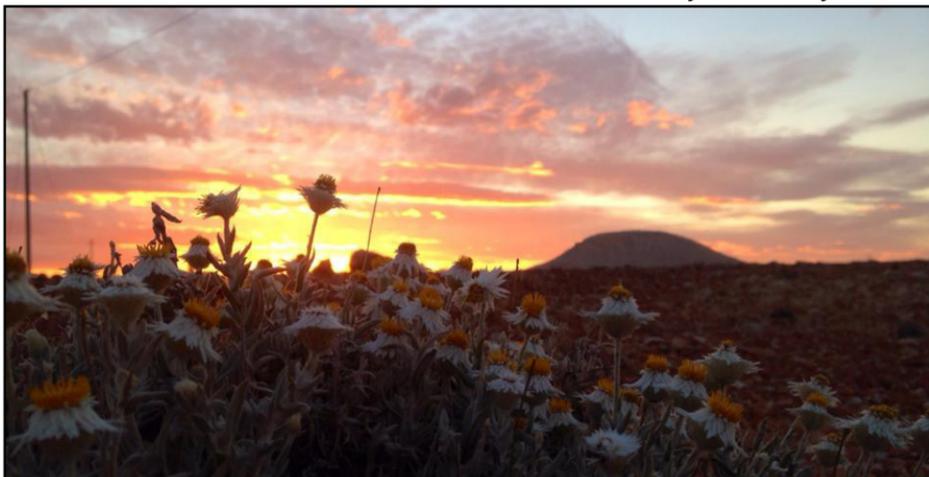
Have a look and let us know what you think: [www.opalfestival.com.au](http://www.opalfestival.com.au)

Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CooberPedyOpalFestival](http://www.facebook.com/CooberPedyOpalFestival)



## Beautiful Sunsets

Photo courtesy of Desrey Jones



As well as opals & flies, one thing Coober Pedy has an abundance of is beautiful skies. These photos were taken on Tuesday 23 September & are only some of the gorgeous sunsets that we have been blessed with in recent weeks.

We encourage you one evening to grab your camera (or phone), get outside & take some snaps of the local scenery.

For more pictures like this have a look at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Coober.Pedy.Council](http://www.facebook.com/Coober.Pedy.Council)



# District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter

Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World

ISSUE 10 - OCTOBER 2014

## Community News

### Please Keep Your Dogs Under Control

From the Works Depot

Recently Council's Dog Catcher & Meter Reader was attacked in an incident. He was doing meter reading and a dog came out of a yard at him. He knew this dog and chased it back into its yard. The next moment two huge rocks were thrown at him. One hit his car and the other narrowly missed his head. Council reported this to the Police and they are investigating it.

What are we as Council Employees doing about this?

We are keeping a closer eye out for dogs that are not leashed or are roaming the streets freely. If a dog is caught and impounded, the owner will need to pay the \$80 fine and have it registered before it is released.

If complaints are received about dogs barking excessively at night, the dog owners will be visited the following day and asked to control the dog/s. After a second complaint, the dog will be fitted with a collar to monitor its barking behaviour. After a third attempt, warnings etc. the owner will be fined. If the problem is not resolved by this stage the owner will be taken to court for the law to deal with it.

Please, please, we are dog lovers too but are trying to do our jobs to the best of our ability. We are hiring extra personnel to help deal with the problem in the short term as we get numerous complaints about this issue from the public.



We encourage you to think about nominating someone who makes a real difference in our community for a District Council of Coober Pedy (DCCP) Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Community Event of the Year Award. Nominations will be open from 1 October and forms will be available from the DCCP's Head Office and website, and on-line nominations will also be available this year.

For more information about the Awards visit:

<http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/>

The Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented as part of the Australia Day celebrations happening at the Old Timers Mine.

For more information about the Australia Day Celebrations visit:

[www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/centenary2015](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/centenary2015)

## October Events:

### Sat 4 & Sun 5 October

Coober Pedy Golf Open  
Coober Pedy Opal Fields

### Saturday 11 October

OZ Minerals Glendambo Gymkhana  
Glendambo

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@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au) or call (08) 8672 4600

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\$45 Sat & Sun Includes Sat Lunch, Sun Lunch & Dinner	 COOBER PEDY OPAL FIELDS GOLF CLUB	Enquiries:  Fr Paul Bourke 08 8672 5011  <a href="mailto:cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com">cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com</a>
\$20 One Day Sat \$30 One Day Sun \$10 Lunch Only \$15 Dinner Only		

## Coober Pedy Golf Open

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

<b>Glendambo Gymkhana</b> 30th Anniversary of KAPRC racing at Glendambo		
Saturday 11th October 2014 Events Start 9am Sharp		

**MAYORS REPORT**  
**September 2014**  
 Mayor Steve Baines

The current state of play regarding the airport and REX flights at the time of writing is that we are awaiting the outcome of a tri party phone hook up between REX, CASA and SAAB.

You will recall that after CASA issued a letter to REX and Council on the 28th August informing that there would be a 10 kt crosswind restriction for the SAAB 340 effective 13th November REX issued a letter informing of the discontinuation of service from this date.

I undertook several media interviews on the 4th and 5th of September which resulted in CASA issuing a further advise allowing REX to continue their SAAB 340 operations into Coober Pedy without any additional restrictions until such time as our runway is widened. CASA recognises the efforts of Council, along with our state and federal members, to widen the runway in an expeditious manner and have agreed that as long as this is achieved in the near future REX can continue to operate into Coober Pedy unimpeded.

REX however require some clarification from CASA in terms of the wording used in their letter to REX and Council confirming the new arrangements and as such have requested a telephone meeting to clarify CASA's position before recommencing bookings after November 13th.

I am in constant contact with Mr KimHai Lim Executive Chair of REX, and Mr Terry Farquharsen Director of Aviation safety with CASA to ensure this matter is resolved as soon as possible. In the interim there are a number of people at both state and federal level attempting to secure funding to widen the Coober Pedy runway.

Both Council and the Native Title claimant group continue to try to move along Native Title negotiations to a point where an ILUA is in place that covers the township of Coober Pedy.

It appears that the state has withdrawn their resources at this time so all attempts at formulating an ILUA have stalled. At present all parties are waiting on the crown to progress this matter.

Council has written to the member for Giles Eddie Hughes seeking his assistance in bringing this matter to the attention of the Attorney Generals Department and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. The important issues hinging on the outcome of an acceptable ILUA are Freeholding of Land, rectifying encroachments, and the rubbish dump.

**Media Commitments this Month**

- ABC radio 4th September re discontinuation of REX service.
- The Advertiser 4th September re discontinuation of REX service.
- ABC radio 5th September re discontinuation of REX service.

**Power Outages**

To the residents of Coober Pedy who live at the Northern end of Hutchison Street.

From the Centrelink building Hutchison Street, Catacomb, Chadwick, Kunothe, Fitzgerald and all other streets in this area. You will be notified of power outages during the next twelve months or so. These outages can happen on any day of the week and will begin in the morning. The length of time will vary due to the nature of work that is to be carried out.

These outages are due to the upgrading of the Councils infrastructure which will be: new switch gear and new transformers. These upgrades will also be occurring at various locations throughout Coober Pedy.

I thank you for your patience during this time.

Yours  
 Pierre Strzabala  
 Acting Distribution Supervisor

**Media Release: Council Welcomes Runway Resolution**  
**25 September 2014**

The District Council of Coober Pedy is extremely pleased to advise that REX is now accepting bookings for the Adelaide Coober Pedy route post November 13th.

After much deliberation it has been agreed that REX can continue to operate into Coober Pedy under the current terms and conditions as long as the town's runway is widened in an expeditious manner.

Mayor Steve Baines said, "I would like to thank Neville Howell and his team at REX for taking this lead on this issue and investing a huge amount of time and effort in achieving this result.

"Council is still working hard to procure funding to widen the runway and are hopeful that this will be completed in the near future.

"The resumption of bookings is particularly important as Coober Pedy is working hard to promote its centenary year in 2015, which is planned as a major boost to our tourism industry.

"Many of the key events are being staged over the Easter long weekend, and the uncertainty over the REX flights had the potential to have a major negative impact. We are extremely pleased that REX has taken the lead in sorting this matter out and reiterate that Council, on its part, will do all it can to have the runway widened as quickly as possible so the solution to the issue is permanent.

"Council is actively seeking funding to achieve this, at both a State and Federal level".

**Media information:** Mayor Steve Baines (08) 8672 5140; 0418 890 710



District Council of Coober Pedy



**News from the Works Depot**

**Residents please note:** There is now a call out fee for collection of domestic bins if you miss the usual run and call the office for the bin/s to be collected the same day (or outside usual run). The first call out fee (per financial year) is free & then it is \$35 per call out after that.

Vouchers are required for loads of rubbish taken to the waste depot - excluding loads taken in a car, sedan, station wagon or van. These vouchers can be purchased at the Council Head Office in increments of \$5.00 each.

**News from the Electricity Supply Department**

**For your information:** Council electricians will be changing the electricity metres around town. Your power may be out for between ½ hour to 1 hour at some stage without notice.

**Congratulations Billy!**

All the staff in the Electricity Supply Department and Management would like to offer sincere congratulations to Billy Palmer in successfully completing his Apprenticeship on the 11th September 2014.

Billy is now a fully qualified Distribution Linesperson for Council and is a valuable asset to the work force.

Well done Billy.



**Local Government Election Information**

**Nominations Received**

Nominations for Council closed on 12 noon Tuesday 16 September 2014. The following people have been accepted as candidates and are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot papers.

**Mayoral** Vacancies: 1  
 WAYNE Nigel  
 STAINES Steve  
 TRUEMAN Brett Christopher  
 HAMMERMEISTER Thomas

**Area Councillor** Vacancies: 8  
 DRIVER Pearl  
 BERRY Rose  
 TICKNER Bryce Leslie  
 CROMBIE Ian Christopher  
 ATHANASIADIS Laki  
 SEARLE Gregory  
 BRITT Sue  
 WAYNE Renata  
 ROBERTS Bernadette  
 PROVATIDIS Michelle  
 RAPAIC Boro  
 McCORMACK Albert  
 WILLIAMS Sandy  
 NAUMOVIC George  
 McDONALD John (Diamond)  
 PANTELIS Bundi  
 RUSSELL George  
 TAPPIN Jo  
 HAY Kyle Marie  
 BAINES Sharyn

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) will be launching its Candidates Website by 30 September: [www.lga.sa.gov.au/lgcandidates](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/lgcandidates). This website will provide information about each candidate. [www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au)

**Voting in Council Elections**

Voting in Local Government Council elections is about voting for who decides about some key things that happen in your local community. The people who get elected to the Council will help to decide what happens locally – for now and into the future. Each candidate standing for election to the Council is likely to have different views about what should happen in your local community, find out what they are to help you work out who you want to vote for.

A profile of each candidate will be posted to you with your postal voting papers. You can also contact the candidates and talk to them about what they want for the area and why they want to be elected. You may decide that some candidates will be better at representing you than others.

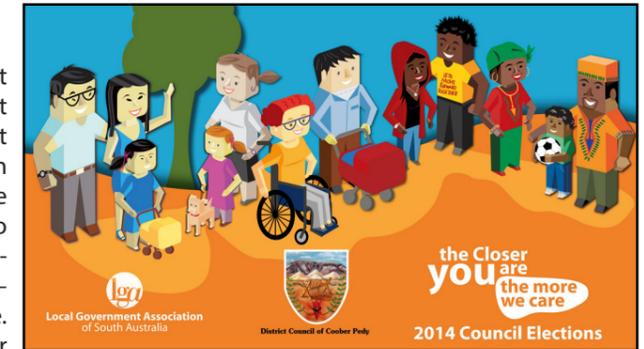
Voting packs will be sent to enrolled voters between Monday 20 October and Friday 24 October.

- Voting packs contain:
- A ballot paper for each election being contested in the council area for which you are entitled to vote
  - Candidate profile brochure
  - A ballot paper envelope
  - A reply paid envelope
  - A Postal Voting Guide

Most electors will receive one voting pack. However, people who have additional properties or entitlements for a different election may receive more than one voting pack. Remember you can only vote once for each separate election.

If you have not received your voting pack by Monday 27/10/2014 contact Electoral Commission SA on 1300 655 232.

For more information:  
<http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections>  
<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/publicArea1>





# Child Community Links

**POOL WILL OPEN IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS possibly by the 29th SEP**

**FREE** Water aerobics for the community **FREE**  
**Thanks to Benefit SA**

*For all ages: but children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Work at you own ability come and give it ago*

*Keep active*

*Feel good*

*Have a good time*

*And it's **FREE***

*Starting when the weather warms up*

*Times: 7:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday*

*& 11:00am Tuesday and Thursday*

*Other sessions are available at a small cost see Donna Clements*

*No children to be in pool area after 7:30*



**Vacswim** is happening again in 2015

Program dates: 5th to 9th January

Times to be confirmed depends on numbers and ages

Enrol at the District Council of Coober Pedy

or see Donna Clements

Check out the web page with the information

Get in early and enrol

<http://www.vacswimsa.com.au/news/2014/09/circular-1/>



**Position Vacant**  
**Looking for work**  
**on Saturdays !**



LOVE LEGO ?

Enjoy working with children?

Then we have the job for you.

We are looking for somebody to work for 3 hours on 3 Saturdays a month

Doing LEGO Club

- Male preferred
- Must have police clearance
- Needs to be reliable
- First Aid & child notification (or must be willing to get them at a later date)

**Come and see Donna Clements at the District Council of Coober Pedy if interested**

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES**

WEDNESDAY 1st OCT

Youth Shed

THURSDAY 2nd OCT

Youth Shed

FRIDAY 3rd OCT

Youth Shed

TUESDAY 7th OCT

Youth Shed

WEDNESDAY 8th OCT

School Gym

THURSDAY 9th OCT

School Gym



**Time:** 9:30am -12:30pm

**Movie Making, Playground, Computers, COOKING, Skate Park, Arts and Craft, Zorb Balls, Computer, Arcade Games, playground, On the ball with STRIDE**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Drink Bottle, hats, bikes & scooter

For more information please contact  
Donna Clements Child Community Links Officer  
on Ph: 8672 4621, Mob: 0439 864 166  
or email: [childlinks@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:childlinks@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au)

September 2014



# Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities

Date: Oct 2014

Issue: Ten  
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## Boys group term 3 2014

This term with the boys group we stuck to sports as that's what the boys voted on. With the help of Jordan from AFSS & Raj from RSAS we have created what Raj calls "a very good team". This term we had basketball on the newly painted outdoor basketball courts, the boys tried to take us adults on and the boys won on a last goal wins victory. We also had indoor soccer at the school gym & outdoor cricket at the town oval. We also purchased some trophies for the Wii boxing comp, foosball comp & an 8 Ball comp. All the boys got along really well, the rules were if you show bad sportsmanship you would be disqualified from the trophy prize comps. The rules included no punching, pushing, kicking, teasing from winning or losing. No one was disqualified #smilyface. Another event we did with boys was an army styled circuit challenge on the town oval, it was tough with about 10 obstacles to do, but the boys got through it and were keen on doing it again in term 4. On the last boys group for the term we sat the boys down and asked what it is they would like to do in term four.....SPORTS was the winner again.

~Ben Buller



## Holiday Activities

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Date</u>	29/09/14	1/10/14	2/10/14	3/10/14
<u>Where</u>	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed
<u>Activity</u>	Sleep Over Glow in the Dark Disco <b><u>Ages 11-17 ONLY</u></b>	Skateboard Painting Youth Shed Painting Papier-Mâché	Cooking	Open Day
<u>Time</u>	6:00pm—10:00am	1:00-5:00	1:00-5:00	1:00-5:00

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Date</u>	7/10/14	8/10/14	9/10/14	10/10/14
<u>Where</u>	Youth Shed	School Gym	School Gym	Youth Shed
<u>Activity</u>	Arcade and Game Day with Wii and PlayStation	'On the Ball' Basketball with Stride	'On the Ball' Basketball with Stride	Softball & Tug-a-War
<u>Time</u>	1:00—5:00	1:00—3:30	1:00—3:30	1:00—5:00