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Message from Administrator

National Volunteering Week is celebrated in May each year. It is an opportunity for Australians to thank our volunteers. This country would not function anywhere near as well as it does if it was not for our volunteers. Their contribution to the economy is larger than the mining sector! Unfortunately, in recent years we have not taken the opportunity to thank our volunteers formally in Cooper Pedy. This year Council will hold an event to thank our voluntary organisations and their volunteers. Details will be provided shortly. Of course organisations can arrange their own thank you events.

In April, Council adopted the document that will be used to seek expressions of interest from organisations interested in investing in and operating the Council's water system. The primary objectives of this process are to reduce prices to Adelaide levels and to provide water security. It is Council's expectation that if Adelaide prices cannot be achieved through this process that the State Government will subsidise the service to achieve this.

In late March, I attended the 10th National Opal Symposium in Cooper Pedy. It was extremely well attended, informative and well organised. Congratulations to Symposium Chair, Dale Price, and his Committee. Hopefully, the next time it is Cooper Pedy's turn we will be in a position to again take up the opportunity. The Symposium was followed by the annual Gem Trade Show which again was a success. Congratulations to all involved.

Over Easter I was able to see what the new Big Winch 360 had on offer. Congratulations to the Carter family

on what has been achieved. It will be a tremendous drawcard for the town.

There has been significant focus in recent months on the alcohol management arrangements in Cooper Pedy. The previous Council newsletter foreshadowed a visit by the Commissioner for Liquor Licensing, Gambling and Lotteries. This will occur in the first week in May.

The Cooper Pedy Health History is a fascinating web based history of medical and emergency services in town. It is so important that this information is captured before it is lost and this project has achieved this. Congratulations to all involved particularly Gai DiDonna. It can be accessed on the internet.

High levels of participation in issues before the Council are a healthy sign for a community. Two opportunities currently exist for you to offer your views. They are the Council's proposed by-laws and the citizen initiate proposal to create a labyrinth on The Triangle. Details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Environmental Health Officer

Council has engaged the services of a new Environmental Health Officer (EHO), David Hooper, following the retirement of Lindsay De Veth.

Mr David Hooper will be in Cooper Pedy from 17 – 26 May.

Child and Parenting Support Programs

Thursday 10am - **Tiny Tackers at The Shed (Youth Shed)**

For 0 - 5 year olds and their parents/carers.

Saturday 10am - **Little Musicians at The Shed (Youth Shed)**

Music fun for children and their parents/carers. Music is designed for 0 - 5 yrs

All welcome

Contact Raksha on 0427 264 969 for more information.

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

Works
0417 813 571



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Clean Up Coober Pedy

Over twenty people stepped up to clean up Coober Pedy on Sunday 28 March. Our volunteers arrived at 11:00 am and worked tirelessly until 1:00 pm. Council provided gloves, bags and water. It is wonderful that so many community spirited folk have come on board to contribute to keep our town tidy. **We will continue to do this regularly, with the next one being on Saturday 22 May. We will kick off from Council carpark at 11:00 am and finish at 1:00 pm.**





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“And suddenly, you know.... It's time to start something new and trust the magic of new beginnings.”

Jayde Grava (nee Frew) has worked for District Council for over thirteen years. During this time Jayde proved herself to be a valuable employee.

Jayde has spent much time mentoring fellow staff, thus helping them to further develop their skills. She believes that all should flourish and prosper in the workplace and in community.

Salome, a colleague and friend, said Jayde is always there, ready to cook meals and bring flowers and chocolates if anyone of us is unwell! A casual conversation between Jayde and Melissa Rosewarne, resulted in the creation of 'The Great Breakaways Bolt' which has been held annually since 2009.

This wonderful young woman puts her hand up for everything! Jayde is often at the clean up days with her young sons, Archer and Rory, teaching them from a young age to “put back into community”.



Above: Jayde, being congratulated by Maureen Williams at the 2018 Marathon .Right: Jayde with her fellow SES volunteers at Australia Day , Old Timer's Mine. Below: Jayde dining out with some of her colleagues.



Below: Jayde competing in the Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon

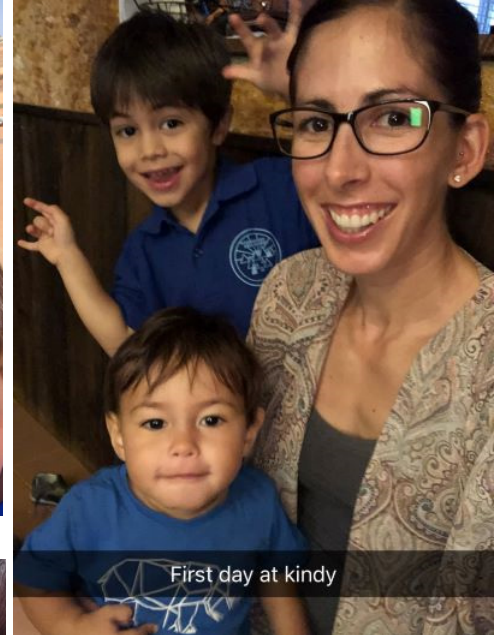




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Jayde moved to Coober Pedy in 2005 to be closer to her then boyfriend, Marty Grava. She embraced this dusty community and made a life here.

Jayde has mastered the juggling act of being a wife, a wonderful mother, establishing a successful career and being that very special friend to many.

Jayde has been described by her colleague, Sandy, as being humble, genuine, caring and a wonderful woman. Cherry adds that Jayde is not just a colleague, but a friend who has a big heart and is a lot of

fun to be around.

Alan Rushbrook (financial consultant) says it has been a personal and professional privilege to have met and worked with Jayde. She reminded me how to smile and how to apply myself at work. "Why did you do this?" was her polite way of stopping me from making a mistake. Her enthusiasm lifted me and her humanity made my soul smile. I will miss you.

Colleague, Erandi, said Jayde has the best smile, is very friendly and she has a way of motivating people.

Colleague, AJ, said that her time at DCCP has been enriched by Jayde as a friend and mentor. Jayde has always conveyed guidance, motivation, emotional and professional support and goal setting. I am more knowledgeable of my role at Council due to her advice and experience. Jayde's departure is bittersweet as we will have a void in our sisterhood work family, although knowing the next chapter in her life will be to enhance others.

Chevahn says it has been fantastic to work with Jayde. Her enthusiasm, professionalism, and commitment to her community and her job are inspiring and will be missed.

Jayde won the "2013 Far North SA Regional Awards, Senior Card Individual Award?" This was for her community involvement and volunteering her time in different community groups. Mine Rescue/SES was supported by Jayde for 5 years, Coober Pedy Football Club for 3 Years. Jayde started the The Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon in 2009 and continued this until 2013.





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YOUR INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED LABYRINTH

The District Council of Coober Pedy has received a proposal to develop a Labyrinth in the area known as "the Triangle" (near the town orchard). The proposal has received in-principle support from Council but the community must be consulted before Council grants final approval.

Details of the proposal can be viewed at the Council office and the Council website at www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au

The proponents of the Labyrinth have designed it to achieve the following outcomes:

"A Labyrinth is a pattern of pathways that weave in a circle around a central point. You walk through the pathways to get to the centre. A Labyrinth is not a maze. There is only one way in and one way out, so you don't need to think about where you're going. Labyrinths are about the journey, at least as much as the destination. They can be calming, as they slow you down while you wind your way through the path. Labyrinths are becoming increasingly common in the modern world."

The proponents of the labyrinth are local citizens of Coober Pedy who are available to discuss the proposal. Karen Jones can be contacted on 0455 544 257.

Submissions will close on Thursday 6 May 2021. Written submissions should be sent to Dean Miller, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 425, Coober Pedy 5723 or DCCP@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

Verbal submissions will be considered at a Council meeting, Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have an enquiry relating to the submission process, please call Council on (08) 8672 4600.

YOUR INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS

Section 246 of the Local Government Act gives Council a general power to make by-laws for the good rule and government of the area, and for the convenience, comfort and safety of its community.

By-Laws 1 - 7 expired on 1 January 2021. By-Law No. 8 is a proposed new by-law.

- 1. By Law No. 1** Permits and Penalties – to create a permit system for Council by-laws, to fix maximum and continuing penalties for offences, and for the construction of Council by-laws.
- 2. By Law No. 2** Moveable Signs – to set standards for moveable signs on streets and roads and to provide conditions for, and the placement of, such signs.
- 3. By Law No. 3** Local Government Land - For the management and regulation of the use of and access to all land vested in or under the control of the Council including the prohibition and regulation of particular activities on local government land.
- 4. By Law No. 4** Roads - For the management, control and regulation of activities on roads vested in or under the control of the

Council.

- 5. By Law No. 5** Dogs - For the management and control of dogs within the Council's area.
- 6. By Law No. 6** Nuisances - To prevent and suppress certain kinds of nuisances in the Council's area.
- 7. By Law No. 7** Cats - To limit the number of cats that can be kept on premises and to provide for the management and control of cats in the Council's area.
- 8. By-Law No. 8** Water Conservation is proposed to better regulate significant water use. The by-law proposes that anyone wishing to use a significant volume of water must seek a permit from Council or give 48 hours advance notice.

Written submissions on this proposal must be received by Friday 7 May 2021 and sent to CEO, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO Box 425, Coober Pedy, SA, 5723 or email dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au Verbal submissions will be heard at the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 11 May 2021.

Please see www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au for more information.

Smart Electricity Meters

Cowell Electric advise that the new Smart Electricity meters will arrive in Coober Pedy in Mid June 2021.

Council staff are photographing each existing meter to record the condition of the meter and its meter box.

An assessment is being made of the condition of the back board. They will determine the existence of asbestos and make arrangements for the asbestos backing board removal.





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Scams

Every year, Australians lose millions of dollars to the activities of scammers. We can be scammed online, by mail, door-to-door and telephone. In Coober Pedy common scams that have been identified are:

1. Fake lotteries
2. Money Transfer Requests
3. Credit Card Scams
4. Mobile Phone Scams
5. Dating and Romance Scams
6. Health & Medical Scams

To protect yourself be aware that scams exist. Always protect your identity and passwords. Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust. Ask for more information and verify the contact through an independent source. Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on links or attachments in emails – delete them. For more information or to report a scam go to Scamwatch www.scamwatch.gov.au

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Boot Hill Cemetery

Recently a letter was published in the Coober Pedy Regional Times regarding cemetery maintenance.

The dead trees were cut down some months ago and a local club is going to collect them for fire wood. The grass has been slashed. Council is going to fill in the hole to prevent someone else from falling and prevent injury.

Mini Gems Happy Snaps!



MINI GEMS

A very big thank you needs to go out to Shobha and Nalin for the amazing work they have done on giving the Mini Gems gardens a refresh and preparation for a new edible garden patch where the children will plant, nurture and pick strawberries and herbs. Equally a big thank you to Megan for all her volunteering in Admin. We are so lucky to have such generous families and community members helping out at our centre



Coober Pedy Quiet Achievers

Jenny Davison YOU'RE AMAZING!

You have been nominated this month for a Quiet Achiever Award. Jenny is an active volunteer of Coober Pedy Historical Society. She is passionate about keeping our community informed on the history of our town.

The Organising Committee for the 10th National Opal Symposium has also been nominated this month. Not only did they host an extremely successful Symposium last month but they did it under extremely difficult circumstances. The 2020 event was cancelled at very short notice due to the pandemic. Queensland's shutdown in the week of this year's event prevented some speakers travelling to Coober Pedy Nerves of steel!



Every month we will be celebrating Coober Pedy's quiet achievers. If you would like to nominate a quiet achiever, please call into Council and speak with Julie.



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Babcock Australasia and Cooper Pedy Area School

Babcock Australasia hosted twelve students from Cooper Pedy Area School at its Osborne operations on Thursday as part of the company's commitment to inspiring regional students to pursue STEM pathways. The students and their principal travelled more than 800kms from Cooper Pedy to visit Osborne and speak with a broad cross-section of Babcock's employees about potential career opportunities.

Principal Maurice Saah said students were eager to see behind the scenes of a national organisation.

"This is an eye-opening learning experience for our students," Mr Saah said.

"It's quite rare for students to experience the inside operations of a

large-scale business. I'm hoping it will inspire many of them to dream a little bigger when it comes to their future."

Osborne is South Australia's hub of ship building and submarine sustainment, home to Babcock's marine development facilities, and headquarters for the Australian Submarine Corporation.

Babcock Managing Director – Defence Andy Davis said the Osborne team had a full itinerary planned for the students to tour the premises and find out more about the engineering and operations functions of Babcock's marine business.

"It's important for students in regional locations to understand the diversity of jobs and opportunities available and to have exposure to potential career pathways during their formative years," Mr Davis said.

"Our people are genuinely interested in investing in our industry's next generation and the opportunity to help these students make informed career choices."

"Students heard personal stories from our apprentices, tradesmen, engineers and project managers who talked about how they got started in their various professions."

South Australian Minister for Education, John Gardner, said the school visit was a great example of the corporate and education sectors partnering together to set young South Australians on pathways to exciting careers in growth industries like defence and shipbuilding.

"The Cooper Pedy Area School tour at Babcock Australasia's Osborne premises is an example of how we can harness the enthusiasm of the next generation of fitters, storemen, engineers and project managers," Mr Gardner said.

"These opportunities expose students to career pathways they may not otherwise have considered in Adelaide and further afield, particularly for students in regional locations."

Babcock holds strong experience delivering marine services, such as infrastructure management, sustainment and technical engineering, to navies and commercial customers in Australia.



Caring for our town

On Saturday 10 April, Alexandra, Jayde, Archer, Rory, Salome, Eloise and Julie volunteered two hours of their time to weed the front garden at Council. They also planted some drought tolerant plants underneath the "Welcome to Cooper Pedy" sign. What a difference! Well done ladies and gentlemen! They have agreed to come back, complete weeding, remove dead trees and replace them. We will gratefully accept donations of drought tolerant plants!

Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park

Permits are available at Council and Underground Books.

\$10 per vehicle or \$8 concession.

Local residents do not require a permit.





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What's going on at Mini Gems?

On Thursday 15 April Coober Pedy Country Fire Service visited Mini Gems Children's centre for a talk on fire safety and a look around the fire trucks with the children from Mini Gems and Djitji Tjapu Tjuta Community Day Care Centre.

Volunteer Firefighters Andrew Francis, Ethen Buckler and Shayne McGennissen gave the talk about fire safety before going outside to complete a simulation on what to do in the event of a fire, including the 'stop drop and crawl'. This was followed by a walk to the Coober Pedy Area School oval to tour the trucks and use the fire hoses. We would like to thank the Coober Pedy CFS for giving the children and families this opportunity and taking time out of their busy schedules.

The CFS is currently recruiting for new firefighters and if you are 18+ and would like to join, feel free to visit the station and talk with one of their friendly members every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.



On Friday 16 April Mini Gems families celebrated the Singhala and Nepalese New Year. The actual date for the New Year was on 14 April but to allow our families time to be able to come and join in the celebrations, we delayed it until the 16th.

The festivities began with the lighting of the oil lamp (tea candles) and then the mountains of food were enjoyed by all. Food from India, Sri Lanka and Nepal was graciously brought in by educators and families for everyone to try. Educators were dressed in traditional attire and looked beautiful caring for the families and children throughout the festivities. A game of musical chairs and find the eye on the elephant brought lots of laughter and good-spirited teasing. A surprise visit from the CEO, Dean Miller and Administrator, Tim Jackson added more enjoyment to the celebrations.



Orange Sky

Travelling across four States over three months, Orange Sky is embarking on a journey to connect, learn and grow its understanding and relationships with people and communities across the country. These voices and stories will help shape our future work and action in remote communities.

Orange Sky Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that provides access to free laundry, warm shower services and non-judgemental conversation for people who are in need or who may be experiencing homelessness.

With 31 services across Australia including three laundry services in remote communities, much has been learnt since launching our first remote service in Lockhart River in 2017.

Judith and Richard set up at District Council carpark on April 14 where several community agencies presented to find out more about this amazing service.

