

#### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential for a community event such as this. Without the help of community minded members of the public this event would not be possible! We are looking for pairs of volunteers to man checkpoints located every 2.5km along the track. All that is required of you is to sit at the designated checkpoint and hand out drinks to the participants. Can't get much easier volunteering role than that! Please email Clair at calford@ cpcouncil.sa.gov.au if you would be willing to lend a helping hand.

## Enter Today

You can collect participant forms from the following outlets: Council Main Office, Miners Store and IGA pin-boards and the Post Office or download it from the Tourism Website. Please have your forms and payment in by Friday 23 May as registrations will not be accepted on the day.

# \$3000 CASH to be won!

### **Oval Stalls**

We are looking for groups/individuals who would be interested in having a stall at the oval nearing the end of the 'Bolt'.

#### **Centenary Commemorative Calendar**

The Coober Pedy Centenary Committee would like to offer you or an amateur photographer you know the opportunity to have your photo(s) published in a 2015 Coober Pedy Centenary Commemorative Calendar.

**Details:** The competition is open to Coober Pedy residents past & present, for amateur (non-professional) photographers only. Photos must be entered by the photographer, one entry per theme per person.

Calendar Themes

- Historical 1915-2015
- Around Town

Twenty four photos will be chosen for the two calendars (12 for each) and, funding permitting, calendars will be printed in July 2014 and sold as a form of fundraising.

Winning photographers will be recognised in the District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter, on the Coober Pedy Tourism page, Coober Pedy Centenary webpage, District Council of Coober Pedy Facebook page and Twitter as well as having their names printed on their winning photo(s) and receiving a free copy of both calendars.

Entry: Bring a digital copy of your photo along to the Council Main Office and fill in the entry form to enter. Closing date for the competition is Friday 6 June 2014 5pm.

For more information contact Clair Alford, Event Officer on 0448 811 799 or via email: calford@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

#### **POSITIONS VACANT** DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

An opportunity exists to provide Saturday Night Recreational Activities for Vulnerable Youth - including evening meal preparation and participant drop off.

Level 3.1 one position (casual) 5.30pm – 10.30pm will plan, coordinate and implement activities.

Level 1.1 one position (casual) 5.30pm – 10.30pm assists, promotes and participates within the program.

Information and Application pack available from Reception Desk, District Council of Coober Pedy.

Enquiries can be directed to:

Youth Development Officer

Resume and cover letter addressing Specific and General Criteria of Job Specification required. Written applications to be received by District Council of Coober Pedy 30 May 2014 at 5pm.



# **District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter** Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World

# **Community News**



**Citizenships 15 April 2014** Congratulations to Marthinus, Amandine, Remelda & Sammy for taking the pledge



Well done the

# Did you know?

By living in Coober Pedy you are eligible to apply for an 'Outer Areas Concession' on your vehicle registration, which includes a reduction in registration fees.

For more information and the application form visit: www.sa.gov. au/topics/employment-and-finance/financial-support/concessions-and-benefits/registration-and-licence-concessions

# **Contact Details**

PO Box 425, Coober Pedy, SA, 5723 Phone: (08) 8672 4600 Fax: (08) 8672 5699 Email: newsletter@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

**HELP US REDUCE PAPER WASTAGE!** If you wish to receive an electronic version of this newsletter please email: newsletter@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

# The Ulysses are in Town

Ulysses Club Inc. are a social club for motorcyclists over the age of 40. It is the largest organisation of its kind in Australia. You are likely to see a number of them over the next couple of weeks as they head to & from the UIysses Club AGM being held in Alice Springs 12-18 May. We are looking forward to the boost in tourism due to the vast amount of motorcycles coming through our town.

Below: Council CEO, Phil Cameron, welcomes the crew from Yarra Ranges who rode in a few days early to check out Coober Pedys attractions.



cil Main Office.

CENTENARY **Centenary Name Paver** Name paver's are one of the fundraising avenues that the Centenary Committee is taking to raise funds for Centenary events and projects. This is an opportunity for you, your family &/or someone you know to be part of Coober Pedy forever. Paver's also contribute to enhancing the town grounds and providing a lasting record for the community. Paver's will be placed at the 'Mosaic Centennial Garden' in front of the rotunda. Each paver costs \$25. You can pick up an order form from the Coun-



#### **Centenary Event Ideas**

Community members and groups are encouraged to host their own centenary activities and events or to bring suggestions to the Centenary Committee. If you are planning on holding an event during centenary year please liaise with Clair in order to ensure that event dates do not clash.

Sophie REYNOLDS 0427 264 969

Saints on winning the first 2014 home game 120 vs Andamooka 36!

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## **May Events:**

Saturday 10 May 8.30am **Oodnadatta Races & Gymkhana** 



Facebook: Oodnadatta-Racing-Horse-Sports-Club

#### Saturday 10 May 1.00pm Coober Pedy Saints home game vs Hornridge

Saturday 24 May 1.00pm Coober Pedy Saints home game vs Olympic Dam

#### Saturday 31 May 8.00am The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt

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 or call (08) 8672 4600





# **MAYORS REPORT - April 2014**

**Mayor Steve Baines** 

The State elections are over and Labor has once again been successful in being re-elected. My congratulations to Eddie Hughes who was elected as the member for Giles, I look forward to working with Eddie to address some of the concerns that Coober Pedy residents have.

Both Council and residents have recently been receiving unsolicited, unsigned and uninformed letters. These letters have the sole aim of discrediting me and certain members of Council administration and have recently started to target certain Councillors.

The information contained within the letters is so far from reality they are laughable and they have obviously been hatched in the delusional mind of someone that has an axe to grind with Council.

As these letters are now being aimed at some Councillors I consider it prudent to bring their existence to your attention. If you receive one of these letters I advise you to treat it and the gutless anonymous writer with the disrespect they deserve and immediately bin it.

Letters have been sent to the Premier Jay Weatherill, Minister Koutsantonis Minister for Mineral Resources & Energy & Eddie Hughes member for Giles reminding them of the Labor Governments commitment in regards to the power prices within Coober Pedy and requesting their commitment to implement.

# Media Release: Power Price Equalization

#### 9 May 2014

Coober Pedy Mayor Steve Baines has sought urgent clarification from the Treasurer, Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP, on implementation of the promised Power Price Equalization Scheme.

In February, during the State Election Campaign, Mr. Koutsantonis promised that the scheme would come into effect from July 1, 2014.

"That date is now only a few weeks away and we have had no correspondence as to how the change will be implemented", Mayor Baines said. "Accordingly, I have written to the Minister asking him to clarify this situation.

"This policy is acutely important for Coober Pedy and 12 other Outback communities and we are seeking reassurance that it is going to happen on time.

"There is no indication that the Government is backing down or has had a change of heart, but I think that by now we should have been advised how the implementation will take place.

"For example, there may be things that we need to do to assist with the enactment, or to bring it about, but if we don't have sufficient notice there may not be time to do this. The State Government has a responsibility to keep us informed, and to explain quickly and clearly what the implementation process entails".

The February announcement by Minister Koutsantonis was seen as a big win for the Outback Power Action Lobby - OPAL - which represented the Council and Coober Pedy businesses. Both the ALP and the Liberal Party responded to the OPAL campaign by committing to restoring electricity tariffs from their current level to those comparable with the standing offers available to grid-connected residential and business customers.

The existing tariff structure hits business and consumers alike, killing investment and harming the tourism industry. The promised change was heralded as a win for common sense.

At that time, Minister Koutsantonis said a re-elected Labor Government will introduce reforms to ensure remote communities will pay about the same price as customers connected to the grid from July 1st.

"A re-elected Labor Government will introduce a new tariff structure for power bills", the Minister said.

"These changes will reduce tariffs in remote areas from their current level to those comparable with the standing offers available to grid-connected residential and business customers".

> Media information: Mayor Steve Baines

(08) 8672 5062 or 0418 890 710

#### Media Commitments this Month

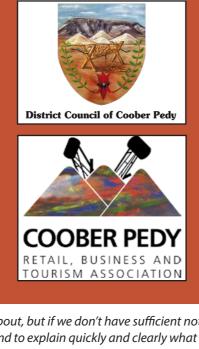
The World Today 21/03/2014 re Alcohol Restrictions

#### News from the Works Depot

Regarding the Dump: there is a sign on the left side of Oodnadatta road between Kunoth and Goldsworthy street. This sign will show if the Dump is closed or not. If you miss this, or the blokes forget to change it, there is a "Dump Closed" sign on the gate.

The Dump is closed during and after rains due to the fact that the area is clayish and it is easy to get bogged, even for 4x4's.

When the public have a request about something they would like done, please call the Main Office and have the request recorded.



## Water for Growth Opening

The official opening by Federal Member for Grey Mr Rowan Ramsey and Mayor Steve Baines of the Water for Growth Project was conducted at OZ Minerals Oval on Friday 2nd May 2014.

#### **Project Background**

Coober Pedy's town water supply comes from a bore located some 24 kms north of the town. The water is pumped into town and then treated at the treatment plant by reverse osmosis and then pumped through a reticulated town water supply system to its customers.



The main part of this project involved the replacement of 13km of pipeline at a cost of \$1.6m. Prior to replacing that section of pipe Council was spending approx \$140,000pa in maintenance costs due to continual breakages in the pipeline.

Another part of the project involved the installation of the new irrigation system including electronic monitoring and automation to allow for off site real time control of the irrigation and watering of the town oval. The new equipment at the oval is designed to supplement underground irrigation already in place so that the water can be used in the most efficient way.

Another part of the project involved the installation of some 3,000mtrs of sub-surface irrigation and drippers to expand the community orchard by 1.72 hectares and create increased fresh food for the Community.

#### **POSITION VACANT**

#### NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER - BREAKAWAYS CONSERVATION PARK

(2 Year Contract, .7 FTE)

The District Council has a vacancy for the position of Natural Resources Officer – Breakaways Conservation Park.

The Natural Resources Officer will progress a range of projects and initiatives in relation to the on ground aspects of the Breakaways Conservation Park as required by the Breakaways Co-management Board. The role focuses on park management and monitoring.

The Natural Resources Officer will maintain a close liaison with Breakaways Co-management Board Executive Officer, DEWNR, AMYAC and the wider local community.

Appointment of the NRM Officer will be for the contract of 24 months, with a position salary and conditions classification of MOA General Officers Award Level 2 under the Community & Environmental Services Stream (\$50,000 to \$53,000 FTE pa). The hours of work will commence at .7 FTE.

A Job and Person Specification for this position can be obtained in person at the council between Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm or by contacting Chevahn Hoad on P: 049 998 2999, E: choad@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

Applications addressing the Job and Person Specification, including a current resume, are to be forwarded to: Executive Officer, Breakaways Co-management Board **District Council of Coober Pedy** PO Box 425 COOBER PEDY SA 5723 by the close of business on Monday 26th May 2014.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a police check and be trained as a first aid officer.

Chevahn Hoad Executive Officer, Breakaways Co-management Board

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE:** DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY COOBER PEDY ALCOHOL MANAGE-MENT WORKING PARTY

Council has formed an Alcohol Management Working Party which is currently facilitating the implementation of an interim action plan to guide priority actions contained within the Coober Pedy Alcohol Management Plan with key agencies.

Council is now seeking expressions of interest from one (1) community representative to be a part of this important working party.

Expressions of interest from the public must be submitted to the CEO at the Council office - PO Box 425, Coober Pedy 5723 - prior to 5pm on Friday 22nd May 2014.

An information pack of the Working Party structure and representation criteria can be obtained from Judy Williams at Council's office on Hutchison Street - pn 86724600.

> Phil Cameron **Chief Executive Officer**



- Stay on the roads
- Follow the road signs and speed limits
- Take your rubbish with you
- Keep your dogs on a lead

- Purchase a permit (unless you are a Coober Pedy local or Antakirinja Ma*tu-Yankunytjatjara*)

- Don't remove or disturb plants, animals, soil, timber, rocks, fossils or artefacts

- Don't take plants into the park
- Don't camp in the park
- No fires

- No chainsaws, metal detectors or firearms permitted in the park

- No swimming within the park

#### Have Fun!!

If you have any questions on park usage please email breakaways@cpcouncil. sa.gov.au or phone Chevahn Hoad, Executive Officer, Breakaways Co-management Board, ph 0499982999

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