COOBER PEDY BUSINESS OPERATORS GET IN THE EAR OF THE TOURISM MINISTER

by Margaret Mackay

Despite the school holidays kept most of the tourism venues busy last week there was a good turnout for Hon David Ridgway MLC (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment) ministerial visit on Monday, 9 July.

The Coober Pedy Golf Club provided a perfect setting for businesses to ‘Meet the Minister’ along with other industry organisations including South Australian Tourism Industry Council (SATIC) and the SA Tourism Commission.

Minister Ridgway again emphasised the importance of hearing first-hand from tourism operators and other industry stakeholders. The Minister’s entourage will visit 19 regional areas, first cab off the rank being Marree, in time for the Marree Camel Cup.

Local operators were able to meet, greet and discuss issues one-on-one with the Minister or other delegates both before the forum and afterwards.

Mobile awareness was one of the issues raised from the floor, for example many overseas travellers use Vodafone whereby remote areas do not have that coverage.

Minister Ridgway inspects the aftermath of the overnight ‘free campers’.

The eternal problem of serviced toilets was raised. One contributor mentioned that there were plenty of rest stops but travellers had to ‘make-do’ along the way. Toilets in the town area was raised also, with local businesses bearing the brunt of insufficient public toilets in town.

We thank the Minister and other agencies for their attendance.

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Residents are forced to cope with an unsightly, unhygienic, un-authorised camping development at the end of Goldsworthy and Kunoth Streets.

Many believe that the loss of an experienced tourism officer was an unnecessary blow to the local tourism industry and to local employment.

Mobile black spots have potential to leave tourists stranded, and many tourists are unaware that they won’t be covered when they set out on a remote journey and have an accident or run out of fuel.

Other issues raised in the public space included funding for water projects vs small ratepayer base; the visitor information centre at the council offices and the recent redundancy of the long term tourism officer position vs part time or a shared clerical position.

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ABOUT US

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**REGISTERING DOGS AND CATS is ONLINE-ONLY**

Hello! have you got a dog or cat registered with council?

Write your personal access code in the box below. Click the Register a New Digital button are provided.

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DUGOUT

Spring Equinox is on Sunday, 23 Sept 2018 at 11:24 am

Summer Solstice is Saturday, 22 December 2018

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1.) REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS

The Coober Pedy Regional Times requested an up-to-date copy of the Register of Allowances and Benefits from the Coober Pedy District Council Admin on 17 May 2018.

The DCCP Policy Reads: “Pursuant to Section 79 of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer will maintain a record of the annual allowances paid to Elected Members under Section 76 of the Act,”

• any expenses reimbursed to a Member under Section 77(1)(b) of the Act

• and any other benefits paid or provided to a Member, with the exception of reimbursements paid under Section 77(1)(c) of the Act.

Copies will be provided to interested parties at no cost.”

Response received: 25 May 2018 with partial details attached. Awaiting a completed version.

2.) SECTION 90 REGISTER IS NOW UP TO DATE


3.) $3.88 MILLION OUTSTANDING ELECTRICITY

4.) AUDITOR GENERAL / OMBUDSMAN REPORTS NOT RELEASED YET.

From latest Finance Report (30th June)

Creditors – money owed by DCCP for Goods and Services $3,159,880 (million)

Energy Generation invoice Total 2,850,819 to MAY

Other creditors 399,061

Total creditors $3,159,880 (million)

Local Government Finance Association Loans to DCCP $6,720,335 (million)

Hon. Stephan Karl KNOLL
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government; Minister for Planning]

Is Local Government working for us?

COUNCILLOR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS?

• Key Performance Indicators Framework - developed in conjunction with stakeholders (community) input

  • 12 months performances review involving stakeholders

  • That all council meetings are recorded and placed on council website.

  • That all ad-hoc meetings cease.

• Seek review of the process to sack or suspend councils and/or elected members when councillors fail to uphold their election promises, or receive a dishonourable finding from the OPI.

• That the State Government prioritise to strengthen the governance and legislative framework for local government in South Australia and increase training for councillors to an appropriate qualification level - and include a trial period with stakeholder involvement.

• That the term of office for Local Councillors revert back to 3 years.

• That the Government establish a dedicated authority to “monitor and scrutinise” local councils for compliance.

Suggestions welcomed!

What is happening with our pool?

Over the past few weeks the Coober Pedy Regional Times has fielded quite a number of queries about the pool.

Some of the questions taken down from families and individuals are as follows:

1.) We hear that the council has “walked away” from the pool. Is this true and what does that mean?

2.) The pool looks to be stagnant. Is anyone managing it?

3.) Will the pool open this year?

4.) Will the pool be open to the whole community during the summer?

5.) Will the regular pool people get their jobs back?

6.) Will the pool be staffed by qualified people this year as per the agreement with education department?

As it appears that the council may have walked away from the pool we contacted the Education Department who have provided us with as much information as is currently available.

If anyone has anymore questions do not hesitate to ask.

Acting Executive Director, Infrastructure, Department for Education, John Scalzi has responded to your concerns as much as the Education Department is able to at this stage.

“The pool is located on the Coober Pedy Area School site and therefore owned by the state government.

The pool has recently been operating under a joint use agreement between the state government and the District Council of Coober Pedy. Under this arrangement, the state government is responsible for all costs associated with the operation of the pool as well as any repairs and maintenance, while the council would ensure the pool’s availability to the community (outside of school hours) by engaging suitably trained and qualified staff. The state government would reimburse council for those staffing costs.

The joint use agreement has recently expired and the department is currently in discussions with the council regarding future arrangements.

The department is aware of some maintenance/safety issues with the pool and has engaged an engineer to determine the required remediation works. On receipt of the recommendations from the engineer, the department will action the necessary works while ensuring minimal impact on the pool’s use for the upcoming summer season.”

LEARN TO GO ONLINE

BANKING is online MEDICAL RECORDS are online; WELFARE CLAIMS are moving ONLINE

Malcolm Turnbull says, “We are already three years into a seven-year program to digitally transform the welfare payment system which will eventually enable all benefit types to be claimed and processed online.”

RED CROSS in Coober Pedy have two computers available for Seniors and ethnic groups that need assistance to better develop their online banking skills, and fill out online forms.

Older citizens can co-exist with their families and friends in the digital realm, read on screen or print out the local newspaper.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT: Digital transformation agenda

Three people will face court after being caught drink driving in Coober Pedy last fortnight

Just before 11pm Saturday 30 June police spotted a white Isuzu truck travelling on Hutchinson Street. Police stopped the truck and breath tested the driver, a 28-year-old local man, who allegedly returned a positive result of 0.179.

The truck was also defective for having no breaks, no tread on the rear tyres, nil indicator, faulty seatbelts, no speedometer and a cracked front windscreen.

The man was reported for a number of offences including drink driving and fail to maintain vehicle standards. The man was issued an instant loss of licence for 12 months and his truck was impounded for 28 days. He will appear at court at a later date.

Just after 7pm Tuesday 3 July police spotted a Holden station wagon travelling on Flat Hill Road. Police stopped the car and breath tested the driver, a 52-year-old local man, who allegedly returned a positive result of 0.104.

The man was reported for drink driving and issued a six month loss of licence. His car was impounded for 28 days and he will appear in court at a later date.

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The Independent Gambling Authority wants to hear from the South Australian community about your experience with online gambling.

Your views will help the Authority develop strategies for reducing the incidence of problem gambling and to minimise the harm caused by gambling in South Australia.

You do not have to use online gambling services to participate.

You can get involved by providing a written submission to the Authority and/or request to attend a hearing with the Authority to provide a verbal submission.

Submissions can be made confidentially.

A guide with details on how to participate is available at www.iga.sa.gov.au

The closing date for written submissions is 5.00pm on Friday 10 August 2018.

A public hearing will be held on 30 August 2018. You must register your interest by 5.00pm on Friday 10 August 2018 to participate in the hearing.

For further information, please contact the office of the Authority -

• by mail - Post Office Box 67, Rundle Mall SA 5000
• by telephone - (08) 8226 7233 - or facsimile - (08) 8226 7247
• by email - onlinegambling@iga.sa.gov.au

About 8.20pm Tuesday 3 July police spotted a Mitsubishi ute travelling on Wilcox Street. Police stopped the car and breath tested the driver, a 39-year-old local man, who allegedly returned a positive result of 0.210.

The man was reported for a number of traffic offences including drink driving and driving unlicensed. He was issued a 12 month loss of licence and his car was impounded for 28 days. and will appear in court at a later date.

THINK ABOUT WHO YOU’LL LEAVE BEHIND.

Don’t drink and drive.

O C O O B E R  P E D Y  R E G I O N A L  T I M E S
Jenny’s winter garden in bloom!

Most people will know Jenny Gough as being synonymous with the Old Timer’s Mine as well having been as a nurse, an ambo and currently an active member of a few of the longer term clubs and associations in Coober Pedy.

Jenny also tends an array of pot plants collected over time, with each one having a special place in her heart, be it native to Australia, or native to similar climate elsewhere.

One such succulent Agave attenuata sometimes known as the "lion's tail," "swan's neck," or "foxtail" found its way to Jenny some years before. This plant from the Aloe family, is native to the plateau of the State of Jalisco in central Mexico, with a very similar climate to Coober Pedy.

With great excitement the Gough household and friends, not to mention the neighbourhood bees and honeyeaters, patiently await the massive nectar filled bloom each winter.

Initially it can take up to 10 years for the Agave attenuata to bloom. The giant ‘tail’ like flower then blooms in sections. It begins at the base and then moves forward, taking a number of weeks to complete its cycle. During that time, in our case winter, the bees are busy every day and so are the honeyeaters. By the time the Agave flower is exhausted, other plants are producing nectar for the local wildlife.

Jenny is pictured here showing off this year’s beautiful Agave attenuata bloom as it nears the middle of its flowering cycle. Jenny said, “The plant has been attracting a lot more bees and honeyeaters this week”.

The long tail is covered in buds and will bloom over the next few weeks.

ARE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS OVERTUE? By Margaret Mackay

A review of the Local Government Act announced by the Tasmanian Government last month heralds overdue changes to council regulations across the country.

Recent investigations into local government conduct and behaviour elsewhere may provide a preview of possible outcomes for Coober Pedy in the Far North of South Australia also awaiting results from a variety of Ombudsman Investigations, Auditor General examinations and an ATO audit.

A series of Ombudsman and ICAC reports have already left blotches on the current and previous councils at Coober Pedy whereby many residents behind the scenes are hoping for an administrator to come in and clean up the mess.

At the same time, the Queensland Local Government Minister Sterling Hinchliffe will introduce specific laws to allow him to sack the Ipswich council and appoint administrators to run operations until March 2020, when the next council elections are due in Queensland.

According to news reports investigations have resulted in 75 criminal offences being laid against 15 current and former council members at Ipswich.

In the report Mr Hinchliffe said his decision would deliver certainty for the people of Ipswich. "They want a council they can have confidence in, not one that’s under a cloud amid dozens of criminal charges and costly legal proceedings," he told media.

Referring to ABC Article "Calls to limit councillor terms and sack for bad behaviour" 11-7-2018; I commend Sue Hickey, now Member for Denison and Speaker in the Tasmanian Parliament who says: "We need people who are younger [and] future-focused to put their hands up."

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Digitised My Health Record is coming - RU digital-ready?

By the end of 2018, the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) will have a digitised My Health Record for all Australians except those who opt out. Doctors, pharmacists and authorised healthcare providers will be able to access a person’s My Health Record to assist in their treatment of patients and issues such as prescription of medicines and advance care planning.

Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) will communicate the benefits of My Health Record to its 2000 individual members and member organisations. These benefits include reduced hospital admissions, reduced duplication of tests, better-coordinated care, and better-informed treatment decisions.

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People who choose not to have a My Health Record will be able to register not to have one during a three-month opt-out period occurring between 16 July and 15 October.

For further information on My Health Record go to www.myhealthrecord.gov.au
Disorganised David

David is a plumber with a bunch of deductions he can claim at tax time. Sadly, for David, his tax time experience is a lot harder than it needs to be because he has forgotten to keep records of his expenses, meaning he can’t claim deductions he is otherwise entitled to.

You must have evidence to prove your claims, and you typically need to keep any documents relevant to your tax affairs for five years after you lodge your tax return. The ATO may ask you to substantiate your claims – even after your tax return is processed – and you could find yourself in hot water if you don’t have the records you need to back up your claims.

The ATO myDeductions app lets you keep track of your work-related expenses on the go and then upload them to your tax return or tax agent at tax time.

Terri the tax cheat

Terri isn’t entirely honest in her tax return, and claims a number of deductions that she is not entitled to. Despite working a corporate job in an office where she doesn’t wear a uniform, Terri put in a $150 deduction for clothing worth $250 without receipts. She also claimed $5000km on car expenses for work, despite not undertaking any work-related travel.

Unfortunately for Terri, the ATO can check all this data, either by matching against other taxpayers in similar industries or by contacting her employer when a red flag is raised.

Perhaps you’ve heard that you can claim $50 for work-related phone and internet expenses without written evidence? Or maybe you’ve been told you can claim $150 for laundry without having to keep records? While these statements are true, you must have actually spent the money! This is on the ATO’s radar, so if you’re audited you’ll need to show how your expenditure was calculated and prove it was directly related to earning your income.

Rob the rental rotor

Rob has a holiday home on the South Coast. He claims it’s for rent but he doesn’t make any real effort to rent it out and only makes it available for a few months in the winter, when he knows not many people will be interested in it. He also charges rent at a rate significantly over market rates, although he lets his family and friends stay at “mates rates”. Rob declares $5,000 in income on the property but claims $69,000 in deductions, which is the total of all the expenses on the property for the full year.

As Rob’s property is not genuinely available for rent for the whole year, he isn’t entitled to claim all his deductions for the whole year either. His claims are highly likely to raise a red flag for the ATO to investigate.

If you own a rental property, remember you can only claim deductions for times when your property was rented or genuinely available for rent. To be considered genuinely available for rent, you must have made efforts to advertise to a wide audience. It must be in a location and condition that will mean tenants will want to rent it, you must charge rent that is in line with market rates and you must accept potential tenants unless there is a good reason not to.

Emily the early loader

Emily likes to be on top of things, and is pretty keen to get her return as soon as possible, so lodges her tax return in early July.

Fortunately for Emily, she’s much more likely to forget to declare income from a two week temp job last year. By waiting until post-fill is available in August the ATO will automatically input most of your information from employers, financial institutions, and government agencies. Just check the details are correct and add any missing information. If you’re lodging before post-fill is available make sure you include all your income to avoid penalties.

Fiona the freeloader

Fiona likes to look her best, so spends lots of money on the latest fashions and make-up to wear to work. When it comes to tax time, Fiona decides to claim a deduction for the cost of her clothes and make-up as a work-related expense to recoup some of the costs. When the ATO looks into Fiona’s claims, they’re denied as they’re a private expense and she has to pay back the money plus a penalty.

Work-related expenses must have a direct connection to earning your income. However, if you have an expense that has both a private and work-related component, you can claim the work-related portion. For example, if you use your personal mobile phone for work-related calls, you need to figure out the percentage that relates to your work use, and only claim a deduction for that portion.
CASA: RED TAPE CULT FOR PRIVATE PILOTS

The nation’s private pilots have won major cuts to regulatory red tape from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Private pilots now face less red tape and lower costs to obtain essential medical certificates.

Many pilots can now use their own general practitioner for aviation medical certification rather than having to visit a special aviation medical practitioner.

Pilots can then complete the process to obtain a Basic Class 2 medical certificate online in minutes.CASA only charges $10 for the certificate – down from the current $75 processing fee.

The reforms to the medical certification system maintain appropriate safety standards.

CASA CEO and Director of Aviation Safety, Shane Carmody, said the reforms were the direct result of CASA listening to feedback from the aviation community.

“The new Basic Class 2 medical certificate is safe, simple, fair and in-expensive,” Mr Carmody said.

“The medical certificate reforms made by CASA cut through unnecessary regulatory red tape and directly benefit many people in aviation, particularly those in general aviation.

“This is tangible evidence that CASA is working successfully to reduce the regulatory burden on the aviation community while maintaining appropriate safety standards.”

The Basic Class 2 medical certificate is available to private pilots flying piston engine aircraft with a maximum take-off weight of less than 8618kg. Operations are limited to below 10,000 feet in day visual flight rules conditions, with up to five non-fare-paying passengers.

The introduction of the Basic Class 2 medical is the third successful reform made by CASA in 2018 to the medical certification system.

The first reform allowed a Class 2 medical certificate (instead of Class 1) as an option for pilots operating commercial flights that do not carry passengers. This applies to operations with a maximum take-off weight of less than 8618 kg.

The second reform gave all Designated Aviation Medical Examiners the ability to issue Class 2 medical certificates on the spot for non-complex medicals.

CASA has not made any changes to medical certification for commercial pilots.

Find out more about the Basic Class 2 and other medical certificates https://www.casa.gov.au/licences-and-certification/aviation-medicine/classes-medical-certificates

MEET THE MINISTER

Locals get in the ear of the minister!

CIMIC’s Thiess awarded $112 million Prominent Hill contract

CIMIC Group’s global mining services provider, Thiess, will continue its long-term relationship with OZ Minerals under a new A$112 million contract to provide stockpile rehandle services at Prominent Hill, near Coober Pedy, South Australia.

Under this five-year contract, Thiess will provide run of mine management, crusher feed and ore rehandling services for the mine.

Thiess will continue its involvement with local community organisations with a particular focus on engaging and developing Indigenous businesses.

CIMIC Group Chief Executive Officer Michael Wright said: “We’re proud to continue to work with OZ Minerals and the team at Prominent Hill where we’ve been working since 2006.

We look forward to delivering on this new contract and continuing to demonstrate Thiess’ capability to provide full life of mine services to its clients.”

CIMIC Group Executive Mining and Mineral Processing and Thiess Managing Director Douglas Thompson said: “We’ve developed a strong working relationship with OZ Minerals at Prominent Hill. Since we first began work with the team 12 years ago, we’ve focused on understanding OZ Minerals’ priorities, and have continually challenged ourselves to provide flexible services, delivering operational excellence and long-term value to our client.”

Thiess will begin works in August 2018.

Thiess first started works at the Prominent Hill copper/gold mine in 2006 providing open pit mining services.

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This year [2016] the Emergency Service Group meetings have returned under the stewardship of Allan Dawson, with the various Emergency Service Managers meeting on a regular basis to coordinate combined training exercises, communication between organisations and general emergency related items that may arise throughout the year.

With more emphasis on ‘Going Digital’, SES members must now do some of their training on the SES website in order to be eligible for hands on training. We are told by SES that learning how to use the website will make our training faster and easier though website problems are ongoing.

Soon we will receive shiny new Mine Rescue Truck as SES stipulates the old one must go; the new one will be a 4WD, slightly larger than the present and an air con that works among many other improvements. From starting in 1972 with a 6x4 trailer, some planks and ropes our squad has grown into a very large unit with well-trained members who work together as a well-oiled machine and are equipped for any rescue task.

Our paging system is a little problematic at present with pagers saying assist police with equipment, which gets little response whereas the message was meant to read Full Mine Rescue Callout.

If your pager goes off we are wanted for something so please respond as no crew no rescue.

After many years of sterling service we will soon lose Luke Kenny from our ranks. Luke’s contribution not only to our squad but to the whole town has been exceptional, his dedication, large skill set, strength and stamina make him a great rescue leader and citizen, he will be sorely missed and we wish the Kenny family all the very best in their new home.

Attendance at training is now recorded and has improved; we don’t train as often as other units but our practice sessions are reasonably intensive and good training only happens when attendance is high. Due to natural attrition our membership must be increased as it will take many to replace Luke alone. By nominating upstanding and suitable candidates to join our team, may be the best way to recruit new members and avoid dubious applicants; though the town is losing talent there is still enough of the right stuff here to meet our needs.

With Brian and myself slowing down and Luke leaving, younger members will soon be in charge of any size of rescue operation and I am sure they will excel. Due to working under our own constitution we are able to keep pre-trained Mine Rescue members dormant at the bottom of our callout list; they help us at various times when needed and are very experienced miners.

Thank you all for your great work this year: special thanks to Jayde and Vashti, standing down from the committee after years of great work on their important portfolios.

Yours sincerely Unit Manager: Andy Sheils, ESM.
Palaeontologists and geologists from the South Australian Museum visited Coober Pedy during early July and conducted an audit of their display at the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum with a view to upgrading the exhibition.

As well as auditing specimens on loan from the SA Museum's collections in Adelaide two free appraisal and identification clinics were held.

Ben was able to get the word out and encouraged anyone in the region to bring in their latest finds to be identified while they were in Coober Pedy.

Local business man Svet Todorovic took advantage of the clinics and visited the SAM team at the Umoona Opal Mine & Museum for an ID session.

Svet presented a belemnite/pipe/squid trapped in sedimentary sandstone for advice on preservation.

The team of scientists also visited opal mining areas in and around Coober Pedy with local mining partnership Dale and Tanja Price.

We are yet to receive feedback and photos on this leg of the adventure.

The remote annexe at Coober Pedy’s Umoona Opal Mine and Museum is an extension of work in the area by renown scientist Dr. Tim Flannery in conjunction with Yanni Athanasiadis.

Bain and Kear continued Flannery’s work with field research, educating the public and finally opened the Annexe at the Opal Festival in 2017.

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To provide a quality service, we need to perform maintenance activity from time to time on our Telstra ADSL Broadband network.

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Your Telstra modem should reconnect automatically no later than 6:00am on 18 July 2018, so you shouldn’t have to do anything. If this doesn’t happen, just turn your modem off, wait a few minutes and turn it back on.

Service status updates
If you want the latest information on a service interruption in your area, please visit our service status page.

We’re here to help if you require further assistance you can visit online support any time or contact us on 133 933.

Best regards,
Craig Hancock
Executive Director, Customer Service Management
Building Better Regions funding will provide new welcome signage in Coober Pedy

Coober Pedy will soon have new “Welcome to Coober Pedy” signage, thanks to funding from the Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects stream.

Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey said four projects in the far north of the state received funding in the latest round and were significant investments in building a stronger economy.

“Outback tourism is ever increasing in our state, so this is a fantastic outcome to have so many improvements to the region taking place,” Mr Ramsey said.

Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association will upgrade the town’s entrance signs with a $21,509 grant. “This new signage project was raised with me at a local Liberal Party branch meeting, so I’m particularly very pleased I’ve been able to deliver this funding,” Mr Ramsey said.

Other outback projects which have received funding are; the Outback Communities Authority which received $675,000 towards remote area water treatment plants at Marree, Parachilna, William Creek, Glendambo, Yunta and Blinman, the Marree Sports Club to construct a new $140,000 multi-use learning and community meeting centre and the Zuza Restoration Group which received $99,000 towards a new community centre which will support local heritage preservation.

Minister for Regional Development John McVeigh said under round two of the Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects stream, the Coalition Government was investing well over $200 million in 136 projects with a total leveraged project value of $459 million.

Budget boost to counter elder abuse welcome, but greater funding required to end justice crisis

The Law Council welcomes the $22m Federal Budget commitment to protect vulnerable Australians from elder abuse, however reiterates funding for the courts, and significant new funding for legal aid, are still required to ensure that Australians receive the access to justice they deserve.

The Government’s elder abuse commitment includes; the creation of an Elder Abuse Knowledge Hub, a National Prevalence Research scoping study, and development of a National Plan.

Law Council President, Morry Bailes said the protecting older Australians measures are valuable steps to help stamp out the scourge of elder abuse in our communities.

“The Law Council has long urged the Government to move swiftly towards the development of a National Plan to combat elder abuse, as well as a National Prevalence Study,” Mr Bailes said.

Other Budget measures supported by the Law Council include:

- $3.6m over four years for the establishment of an Anti-Slavery Unit to manage the implementation of a Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement;
- $1.2m over four years for the implementation of the Optional Protocol on the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and
- $1.0m over two years to develop and deliver a national apology to the victims of institutional child sexual abuse.

However, Mr Bailes said the crisis in our justice system remains.

“The situation in the federal courts is such that, in some cases, families are facing up to a three-year wait before final hearing,” he said.

“In the last sitting fortnight before the Budget, the Senate passed by an overwhelming majority, a motion calling for urgent action to address the court funding crisis.

“We look forward to continuing our work with the Government, and Parliament, to develop a sustainable long-term funding model for the federal courts.”

Mr Bailes also highlighted the need for a significant boost in federal funding for legal aid.

“The legal assistance sector remains critically underfunded,” Mr Bailes said.

“Through the Law Council’s Justice Project, we estimate that an additional $390m per annum is required to get the legal assistance system back on its feet. This includes $200m as recommended by the Productivity Commission for civil legal assistance alone.

“The preventative, everyday role of timely legal assistance stops simple problems from escalating into more serious matters at great cost to the taxpayer and community. It’s time this was recognised and funded adequately.

“The Law Council will continue to advocate to end the underfunding of the courts and legal aid that is causing untold damage to the lives of many Australians.”
What’s On in COOBER PEDY & *Visiting Services*

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**2018 Coober Pedy Court Circuits**

WK Lawyers will be attending for circuits at Coober Pedy on the following dates:

- 2-5th July 2018
- 27-30th August 2018
- 22-25th October 2018
- 17-20th December 2018

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admin@wklaw.com.au
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**COOBER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE**

Gates open at 6:30, Film bounces up on the big screen at 7:00pm. Footy will also be on again Friday night, gates open at 7:00pm

NEXT MOVIES: 14/7 - Ocean’s Eight; 21/7 Jurassic World 2; 28/7 - The Incredibles 2; 4/8 - Ant-Man and The Wasp; 11/8 - Skyscraper; 18/8 - Mama Mia: Here We Go Again; 25/8 - Death of Stalin; 1/9 - Mission Impossible: Fallout

The drive-in runs every Saturday night until Mid-December. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for schedule updates and special events.

Vehicle price: Car (up to 7 people) - $20; Van/Bus (8 or more people) - $40; Walk in price. Adult - (16+) $10; Child up to the age of 15 - $5; Food and beverages available in the Canteen

**NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK**

is held in mid August each year. The dates for the next few years are:

- 2018: 11 – 19 August
- 2019: 10 – 18 August
- 2020: 15 – 23 August

**PUBLCIC HOLIDAYS**

Queen’s Birthday Monday, 11 June 2018
Labour Day Monday, 1 October 2018

**ELECTIONS**

Local Council elections will be in November 2018 unless we go into Administration

Federal Elections: Earliest August 4, 2018 and the latest possible date is May 18, 2019

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

Term 2 Monday 30 April, 2018 Friday 6 July, 2018 10 Weeks
School Holidays Saturday 7 July, 2018 Sunday 22 July, 2018
Term 3 Monday 23 July, 2018 Friday 26 September, 2018 10 Weeks

**TAX, FINANCIAL & ESTATE PLANNING**

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Our six pillars include:- Taxation & Accounting Advice, Strategic Advice, Investment & Portfolio Advice, Risk Protection Advice, Succession & Estate Planning Advice, Personal & Self Management Superannuation Advice

**OUTBACK EVENTS**

Oodnadatta Campdraft & Bronco Branding. Saturday, 13 July - Sunday, 14 July 2018

Oodnadatta Racecourse

Farina Resotration Project

Group Open from Saturday, 26 May - Saturday 21 July 2018

The 9th National Opal Symposium

Lightning Ridge & District Bowling Club from 22-24 July 2018 and now is the time to register to attend.

William Creek Campdraft and Bronco Branding. August 2018 - date TBC

Birdsville Races. Friday, 31 August - Saturday, 1 September 2018. Birdsville Race Club

Blimman Gymkhana. Saturday, 20 October 2018. Blinman Racecourse and Airstrip

School Holidays Saturday 29 September, 2018 Sunday 14 October, 2018

Term 4 Monday 15 October, 2018 Friday 14 December, 2018 9 Weeks
Indigenous Employment and Business

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Tailored Assistance Employment Grants are available to provide funding support to connect working age Indigenous Australians with real and sustainable jobs, as well as assisting Indigenous school students to transition from education into sustainable employment.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria in Section 7 of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Grant Guidelines.

Instructions for Lodgement: Applications for funding must be submitted using the online application form. The form is available on the Department’s website.

Other Instructions: The application kit provides key information to assist applicants to complete the application form and should be read in conjunction with the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Grant Guidelines.


Ongoing

Independent Makers and Presenters Program

Categories closing 5pm Monday 6th August 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Individual Development—http://arts.sa.gov.au/grants/individual-development-impmp: Individual Development supports the professional development of individual, independent artists through master classes, workshops, mentorships, attendance at conferences, attachments to arts organisations or participation in arts residencies.


OTHER CATEGORIES

Project Grants: Project Grants support independent artists in the development of new work and its production or presentation. The grant also assists touring and expansion markets of new and existing works, regionally, nationally and internationally.


Major Commission—http://arts.sa.gov.au/grants/major-commission-impmp: The Major Commission supports the production of a major new work by a leading South Australian independent artist or group, to be presented in a high profile setting in South Australia. The project must have a significant public outcome and be presented first in South Australia.


Triennial Project Grant—http://arts.sa.gov.au/grants/triennial-project-grant-impmp: The Triennial Project Grant is focused on projects with a performing arts outcome and is designed to support the creation and presentation of new work through a staged commitment over three years.


Artist in Residence: Artists in Residence supports the hosting of outstanding local, national and international artists, to enable them to share their skills and knowledge with local, practicing professional and independent artists. The objective is to provide skills development opportunities for independent South Australian artists.


Fellowships: The Fellowship is open to South Australian artists and practitioners who are recognised as outstanding professionals in their field, and have an extensive track record of artistic practice and recognisable achievement. It enables an artist to undertake a sustained period of creative development that will extend their professional practice and lead to the production and presentation of a significant new work.


 vetsen and Community Grants

The Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community by providing funding for projects that support activities and services to sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.

V&CG is open to ex-service organisations, veteran representative groups and other organisations. V&CG provides seed funding to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable and that have an ongoing benefit for members of the veteran community.

V&CG funding rounds occur on an ongoing, rolling basis. When sufficient applications are received or a two month period has elapsed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister’s decision up to 28 February 2019.


Applications are accepted continuously throughout the year up to 28 February 2019.

Club One (SA) Small Sponsorships

Small Sponsorship of up to $500, although in special circumstances can be as high as $600, is available to community clubs and associations and are considered every one to two months.

www.clubone.net.au/club-one-sponsorships.asp

Industry Development – Pocket Grants

Industry Development Pocket Grants provides funding to South Australian music businesses to assist with one-off expenses that arise at short notice. These include travel, conference or legal fees for short-notice opportunities. Arts South Australia accepts applications until they use up the annual funding portion.

For further information and guidelines visit: www.arts.sa.gov.au/grant/pocket-grants

Applications are ongoing

CCTV Grants Program

The Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grants Program provides funding to help councils in South Australia implement CCTV infrastructure to improve safety, reduce crime and reduce the fear of crime.

CCTV grant funding is not recurrent and, as a general rule, will be limited to one-off grants of $20,000 to $100,000 for projects expected to be completed within a 12 month timeframe.

Local councils are required to match grants dollar-for-dollar.


Applications must be completed online and are open all year, subject to available funds.
The Volunteer Grants round is expected to open in August. This competitive grant round has up to $5 million in grant funding available for regional development initiatives in South Australia from $35,000 up to $2 million on a matched dollar for dollar basis.

The Fund has been established to unlock new economic opportunities, build and strengthen communities and support more regional jobs.

The aim is to support new activity that would not occur otherwise and assist regions to grow, become more vibrant and provide rewarding job opportunities.

Projects will be selected based on the following principles:
- support for new economic activity that would not otherwise occur
- the activity can be sustained without further intervention by government after the funding has been provided
- the activity creates benefit for multiple entities, including entities not directly associated with the application
- the activity contributes to the scale of an industry or sector
- the application has a connection to and has served an interest in a specific regional community.

Local government bodies and Incorporated Associations are encouraged to apply. Business clusters, defined by a lead business that applies and accepts responsibility for contractual obligations on behalf of a group of businesses, are encouraged to apply.

A reminder that applications for the 2018 round of the Regional Growth Fund will open on 2 July 2018 and close 31 October 2018. Applications are ongoing.

More information, including guidelines, are available now at www.pir.sa.gov.au/regionalgrowthfund

An online application form available

**$20 million to support Australia’s volunteers**

Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey encourages community organisations to apply for funding from the Federal Government’s $20m Volunteer Grants to support the efforts of their volunteers.

“Volunteer Grants enable volunteer groups to apply for funding of between $1,000 and $5,000, which can be used towards the cost of essential items that help make the work of volunteers easier, safer, and more enjoyable, such as equipment, training, transport and background screening,” he said.

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**The Slater and Gordon Community Fund**

The Slater and Gordon Community Fund is a philanthropic fund established in 2001 which offers grants to community groups in three key areas of focus:
- Assisting people with disease and disability and promoting their participation and inclusion
- Addressing inequality and disadvantage
- Encouraging young people to engage in healthy activity and lifestyles through a project or program

The fund is open to any group or organisation, so long as their project fits the criteria and they carry a DGR status.


Applications are ongoing.
Coober Pedy Shooters Club welcomes all new Members, Visitors and Sponsors

If you don’t have a firearm, come along & our members will assist you with all enquiries. Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs (Rifles and Air Pistol) & 14 yrs (Pistols).

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**Pistol Fees**

| Club Ammo            | $14.00 (100 Rounds) |

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**Rifle Fees**

| Club Ammo            | $8.00 (55 Rounds) |

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Any Enquiries regarding Membership, sponsorships, donations, or shooting, please contact

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John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. jdidonna@dodo.com.au