John Thrower was the inaugural mayor of Coober Pedy from January 1987 to May 1987. At the May elections he lost the popular vote to Eric Malliotis. Then in 1989, he was re-elected mayor. Before the Council came, John was the president of the Progress and Miners Association, from 1985 to 1987.

He was the Secretary from 1975 to 1979.

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