

LEIGH CREEK NEWS



Arkurra Trail Receives National Attention

The Arkurra Trail and its cultural, dual-language signage received national attention after ABC News covered the importance of the project.

The article highlights the importance of the project to local Adnyamathanha people, particularly the young people in the community, and praises the inclusion of Adnyamathanha language in the trail signage.

The project was completed in collaboration with the Leigh Creek Area School (LCAS) and students helped to create the interpretive signage, telling the story of the Arkurra snake who emerged from Arrunha Awl (Aroona Dam) and carved the landscape of the Flinders Ranges. Signs along the trail include information and Adnyamathanha names for local flora and fauna, as well as telling the Arkurra story.

Rosalie Richards, LCAS Adnyamathanha Language Coordinator, is rightly praised in the article for her work in securing a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to complete the project.

You can read the article in full at www.abc.net.au/news/2022-10-05/former-coal-town-embraces-its-natural-landscape/101503434 and find more information on other projects supported by the FRRR at frrr.org.au/blog/2022/09/28/rural-communities-given-a-1-7-million-boost/

For more information on Leigh Creek visit: <https://visitleighcreek.com.au>

Sales Update

The Agents, McGees Property, to start advertising on the internet 14 October 2022 and they will be on site for open inspections 21-22 October 2022; Property listings include several houses, a flat, the Town Services Depot and the Recreation Centre.

Please contact McGees Property for further information.



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New Town Services Office

The new OCA Leigh Creek Town Centre Office will be open from Tuesday 1st November, between 9am and 12 noon. Please pop in to say hello. The office is located at the back of the VIO Building and will be open Monday to Friday between 9 to 12 each day, it is anticipated that this will be your first point of contact regarding any Township activities. The alternative OCA Office, located at the Airport is anticipated to be open for business from the beginning of December depending on IT arrangements.

The Do's and Dont's of Planning

Now that you own your own piece of Leigh Creek there are a few rules around planning and development that you need to be aware of. If you want to undertake any building works or constructions, change the land use or alter your boundaries then you may need to get development and building approval.

It is important that you get approval as this ensures that the development is appropriate for where it is proposed and constructed in a safe and compliant way. All of the information you need is listed on the www.plan.sa.gov.au website under Development applications. The process is easy to follow and the consequences of not following them can be costly.

To assist in determining appropriate development in Leigh Creek the OCA will soon be calling a tender to develop a Master Plan for future land use and development for the community of Leigh Creek. The objective of this work is to guide the future development of Leigh Creek, so that it is undertaken in an orderly manner, driven by the community and underpinned by improved public health outcomes and the principles of good planning.

The future of Leigh Creek is important to Outback South Australia; it is important to protect its history and important to plan its future. Opportunities for community participation will be advertised soon, so bring your ideas and dare to dream

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Leigh Creek Community Taskforce Update

5:30pm - 7:30pm - Thursday 20th October - Leigh Creek Church

Continuing Community Discussion on Leigh Creek Town Management Model and Community Contribution Scheme

2.00pm - 3.00pm & 6.30pm - 7.30pm - Thursday 28th October - Leigh Creek Church

DIT On The Right Track - Leigh Creek Visit

Wednesday 26th October - Friday 28th October - Leigh Creek Church

The next Community Meeting will be on Thursday 16th February 2023 from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church with a light refreshments provided on conclusion of the meeting.

Please note there is no scheduled meeting for December or January given the seasonal nature of businesses, school and residents in taking advantage of the reduced tourist visitation and school holidays. Should you have anything that requires more immediate attention please call the OCA on 1800 640 542.

The OCA has scheduled regular community engagement meetings for Leigh Creek Task Force representatives to update progress on the transformation and understand community issues. The OCA aims to ensure that there is a good feedback loop that flows information between the community and Task Force Implementation Committee.

Bi-monthly meetings will be held on Thursdays from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church Community Area, all welcome.

The Community Meeting Schedule for 2023 can be found on the Leigh Creek Transformation web page <https://www.oca.sa.gov.au/communities/leigh-creek-transformation>

THE OCA TOWN SERVICES OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER AND REOPEN ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY.



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HAVE YOU SEEN THESE CACTUS?

Two new cactus species were recorded during the weeds survey in September, which was carried out by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and the State Herbarium.

Young plants of (*Cylindropuntia fulgida*) and Englemann's Cactus (*Opuntia englemannii*) were found in the old part of town. Both these species have not been recorded locally before now and have the potential to spread and form dense infestations that will compete with native vegetation.

The plant's sharp spines can cause serious injury to humans, livestock and native animals. Large stands can prevent grazing activities and, due to their spiny nature, can limit access for stock mustering and recreational activities.

Dense infestations of both species already exist in other areas of the SA Arid Lands region and we would like to prevent this from occurring in and around Leigh Creek. If you are aware of any locations of these plants, contact Matt Westover on 0438 816 210 or Matthew.Westover@sa.gov.au.



Pictured above: Examples of *Cylindropuntia fulgida* and *Opuntia englemannii* in the old town.

MAGOOS CREW REACHES FUNDING TARGET

LCAS Principal Dan McGuire and his team successfully reached their \$10,000 fundraising goal before setting off to cycle the desert as part of the Simpson Desert Bike Challenge.

The money has been raised for MND SA, a charity dedicated to raising awareness, providing support and improving care for those suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.

You can follow the adventure on Instagram @youmeandatroopy. More information on Motor Neurone Disease can be found on the MND SA website and you can support Dan's fundraiser by visiting:

my.mndsa.org.au/my-fundraising/1200/magoos-crew-in-loving-memory-of-cheryl-ferry

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network and Heathgate Resources presents...

Kevin Kropinyeri Comedy Session

**FREE
EVENT**

Event details

Date: Tuesday 25 October 2022

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Leigh Creek Outback Resort Dining Room

For more information

Please contact Leetoiya Coulthard on (08) 8668 7395 or email Health.FUNLHNAoriginalHealthUnit@sa.gov.au



Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

Flinders Family Fun Day

Save the date!

When: Wednesday 26 October 2022

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Where: Leigh Creek Gym/Town Hall

**FREE EVENT
BBQ
LUNCH**

For more information

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FLINDERS FAMILY FUN DAY 2022

**WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER - 10AM - 2PM
LEIGH CREEK GYM/OVAL**

The 2022 Flinders Family Fun Day will be held on Wednesday 26th October from 10 am - 2 pm at the Leigh Creek Gym and Oval. It's a free event and open to all, with representatives from a number of organisations and agencies attending. There will be a host of activities, goodies and a BBQ lunch so make sure to get yourselves there!

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network will be at the FFFD event. Craig Packard, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member Geri Malone are keen to take the opportunity to meet with you and discuss regional health needs and services. They will also have on display the design plans for the new Leigh Creek Health Service Clinic and are excited to share these with you. Your views and feedback are important, so please come and visit us.



**WE NEED
YOU**

**Leigh Creek CCS Community Gathering
5pm - Wednesday 26th October - Outback Resort Dining Room**

A community led gathering which will give participants the opportunity to share ideas on what is important to the Leigh Creek Residents and Rate Payers, and work on creating a unified vision for the towns future. Please join us to chat, share your views and hopefully meet some new folks. Light snacks will be provided. Let us hear what is important to you.

Alternatively pop into the new OCA Town Office (behind the VIO) and chat with Tracy on Wednesday 26th October between 2 - 5pm