

LEIGH CREEK NEWS

Leigh Creek Residents and Ratepayer Association Update

The Residents and Rate Payer Association and the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) continue to progress towards the implementation of the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) for Leigh Creek Properties. A CCS is a fixed unit charge payable by all landowners based on the levels of service that has been determined by the community.

The CCS notices will be issued per property unit on behalf of the OCA by the Flinders Ranges Council.

Notices will be sent to each Leigh Creek property address. Should you choose to have your CCS notice / notices emailed to you can do this by sending an email to: oca@sa.gov.au

Please include the following:

The property / properties address

Name and best contact phone number

Email address

A written request for the notice to be sent to an email address is required.

The first payment is due 15 September with the notice being sent out at least one month prior each time.

Payments can be paid in full or in quarterly instalments (\$140 per quarter):

Quarterly payments will be as follows:

First instalment payable on 15 September 2023

Second instalment payable on 15 December 2023

Third instalment payable on 15 March 2024

Fourth instalment payable on 14 June 2024



Leigh Creek Town Oval Closed for Works

The Town Oval will be closed between the **Monday 24th July to Friday 4th August** for the new irrigation installment works. The access gate on Black Oak Drive (near the old pool site) has also been locked to reduce traffic while temporary watering measures at the oval are in place, once all the irrigation system work has been complete the gate will be opened again.

Leigh Creek Community Precinct Development

Work is moving along at a pace, so much so that many of the local contractors are almost tripping over themselves while undertaking works. This work is funded by the government's Future Town Plan program. The club rooms have had a major facelift with painting both inside and out and white ant treatment. The toilets have had new fixtures and fittings and once the water is connected will be good to go. The new BBQ area is now sporting a new shade sail with more works to come.

Thanks to a grant from the OCA the playground area also has new sails.



The exciting new work even encouraged a couple of emus to pop in to the Leigh Creek township and check on progress.



Meet the new Crew

Gary Fuchs was successful in his bid for the Rubbish Collection Services for Leigh Creek and Copley and Pedro Miguel da Costa Silva will undertake the maintenance work for the Leigh Creek Town Oval and Community Precinct.

Both have hit the deck running and already demonstrating their high levels of skills required to fulfill the roles.

OUT AND ABOUT



Amber Joy Poulton together with her band performed at the Outback Resort in June. It was more than just a little bit country which the audience of approximately 50 folks thoroughly enjoyed. The gig had been cancelled during the Covid restrictions so turned out to be a long time in arriving. Amber's Coal Miner's Daughter Tour featured wonderful hits from Lorretta Lyn, Tammy Wynette and Dolly Parton not to mention some great original work with the standout being "Ruby's Reply", written as a response to the Kenny Roger's classic "Ruby, Don't take your love to Town". Many thanks to the Resort for providing an opportunity for the Locals to enjoy great live music. A good time was had by all in attendance.



Jimmy's last tray of pies coming out of the oven as the Banfield's leave the Copley Bakery to pursue other adventures - best of luck for the future



The Leigh Creek Aerodrome a hive of activity with folks traveling



Reann and Pearson from Flight Training Adelaide, visiting the Aerodrome as part of their China Airlines Training.



MARREE AUSTRALASIAN CAMEL CUP

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY SOPHIE MATTERSON



As the crowd at the race track swelled, on a sunny outback winters' day, it was evident that this might be one of the largest turnouts for the annual Australasian Marree Camel Cup, in it's 29 year history. Camels, donkeys, jockeys, handlers, locals and tourist were set for an enjoyable day of racing and novelty activities, including the highly anticipated wild donkey races. However until the previous evening it had been touch and go, with the wild donkeys alluding search parties for a week, until local publican Phil van Wegen spotted them from his light airplane on the third attempt searching for the wayward animals. Ground crews were ready with buggies and bikes, and the donkeys were mustered in from 40 kilometres away, just in time for the big day.

Thirteen camels were in attendance and the morning kicked off with four qualifying races for the Perpetual Plate race and the biggest race of the day, the Marree Camel Cup. The large crowd cheered the camels on as they were led down the 400m track by handlers to the start line, where they were quickly turned, lined up, the gun was fired and they were off and racing! The speed of the normally slow moving desert animals surprising some of the spectators. For the cup, the camels were auctioned off in a Calcutta and local Bully Booth claimed the winning camel, Rockabilly Rebel, owned and trained by Don Anesbury and ridden by Tia Osmon. Marree is a particularly significant place to hold camel races as the town is steeped in Afghan camel history, and many of the Afghan descendants were in attendance on the day, some dressed in traditional garb.

The novelty events provided an opportunity for crowd involvement. A tug-a-war was precluded by a questionable pet dog race, in which the dogs were let loose, veering left and right down the track, mainly playing with other dogs, as their owners yelled at them to come. Kids laughed and screamed with enjoyment as the bounced about on donkeys backs, as the notoriously stubborn animals were pulled down the track. And, while the sun set at the end of the day and the animals were all safely and happily tucking into their hay, the crowd danced the night away to country classics with Nathan May and Band.



DR CLIVE HUME RECEIVES MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)



There was much celebration and congratulations as Dr Clive Hume was recognised for his significant work in general practice in remote, rural and metropolitan practices. Many of us living in the Outback know firsthand of his dedication and tireless support to patients and other health professionals throughout the region. Clive operates the Leigh Creek Medical Practice as a single doctor, running the remote area rural practice since 1987, which is now part-time since the mine closure.

He also undertakes regular shifts as a Senior Emergency Department Doctor at Port Augusta Hospital and other works include working for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Operations managing operational aspects of primary care provision from Port Augusta and Adelaide.

Earlier on Clive was also the Senior Flying Doctor for the Royal Flying Doctor Service during his time at Broken Hill which stoked his passion for flying. Deciding he was not actually very good at flying, he is now content to examine pilots on behalf of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

On behalf of a very grateful Outback Community, we too join in on both congratulating him and being very thankful for his exceptional service.



BreastScreen SA in Marree

In June the specially designed mobile screening unit travelled to Marree to provide free breast screening for women within this remote region. The unit (bus) came with a dedicated team of travelling radiographers and receptionist who warmly greeted those attending. Despite the rain many locals took the opportunity to have the service available so "close" and flocked to Marree. The unit has a state-of-the-art screening mammography unit on board, and a wheelchair lift for disability access. The team even provided some delicious sandwiches and cakes for those attending in celebration of the inaugural visit. For more information about locations and upcoming visits <https://www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au/community-engagement/people-in-rural-and-remote-areas> or call 13 20 50.



White Ants - understanding the risks

Having regular termite inspections by a qualified pest professional and installing a termite management system around the perimeter of the building are the first parts of a termite management plan and help to prevent a concealed termite attack.

As homeowners we have a big role to play in reducing the chance of a termite attack on our property. A successful termite management plan involves us as homeowner maintaining the property and making the home “termite unfriendly”.

Things we can do:

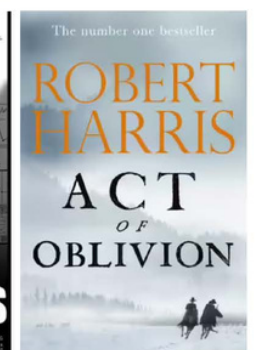
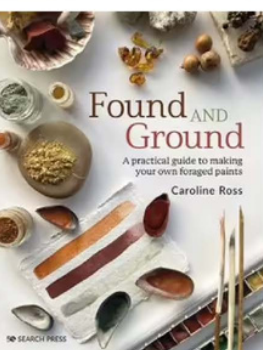
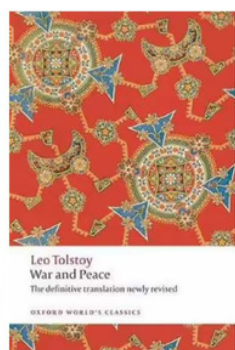
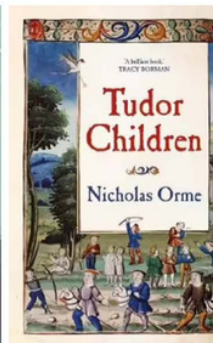
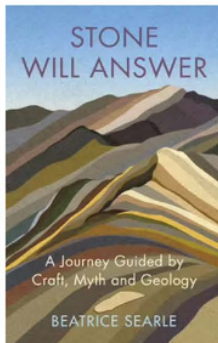
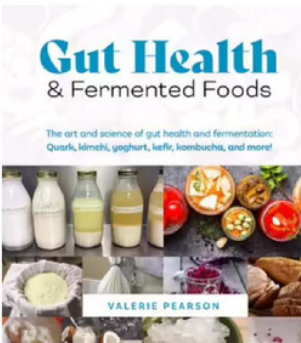
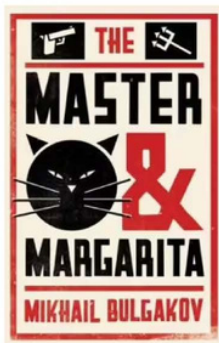
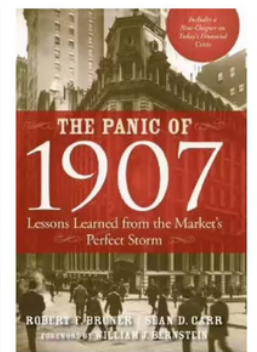
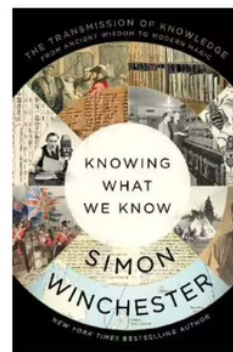
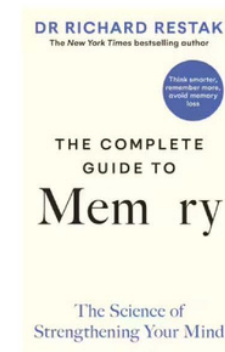
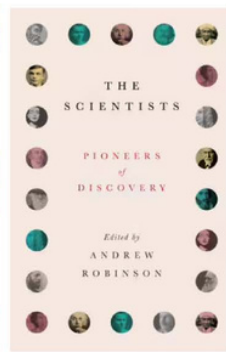
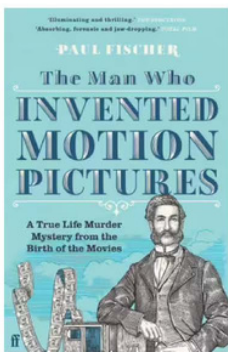
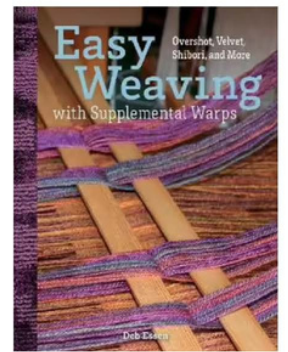
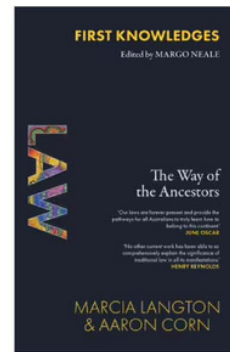
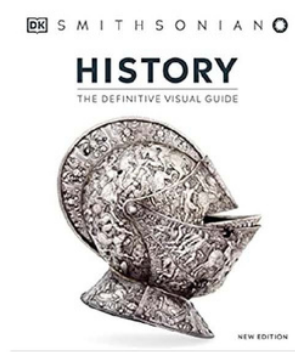
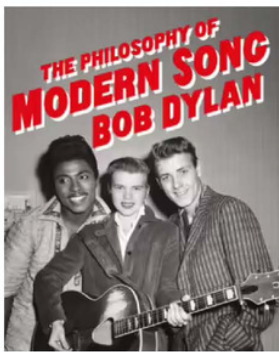
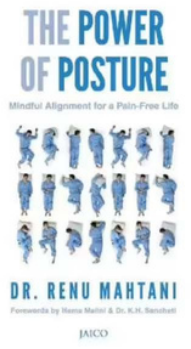
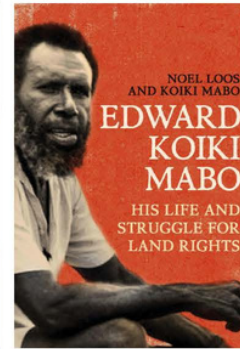
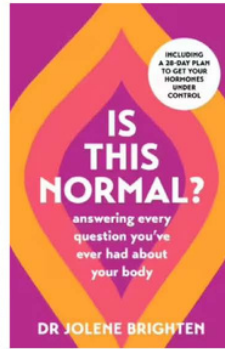
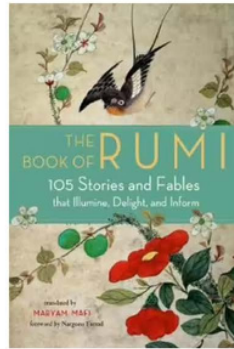
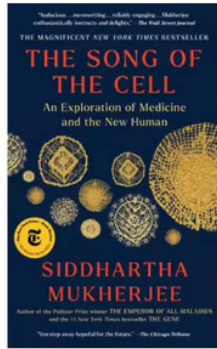
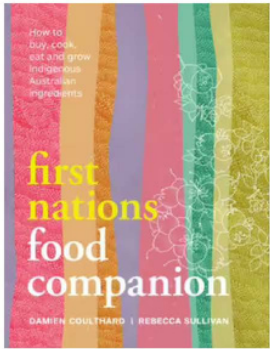
- Reduce areas of increased moisture around the home (termites love moisture!)
- Reducing termite food (wood and paper) around or under your home
- Make sure any waste timber or cardboard boxes (also great termite food) are thrown out or stored above ground level, ideally away from the building.
- Make sure any firewood is stored off the ground away from the building. Firewood needs to be stored off the ground (on a metal framework)
- Do not use wood mulch immediately adjacent to the house
- Keep the perimeter of your home clear of plants and stored items
- Making sure the perimeter, sub-floor and roof void of the home are clear of obstacles so any termite ‘break-ins’ can be seen.

Engaging a pest professional as a group can help to reduce the cost to us as the individual property owner. By working together to engage a company we are able to share the travel cost.

Leigh Creek Task Force Updates

The next Community Conversation with the Leigh Creek Task Force is on **Thursday 24th August at the Leigh Creek Community Centre from 5.30pm**. All Welcome.

For any other information go to the Leigh Creek Transformation web page <https://www.oca.sa.gov.au/communities/leigh-creek-transformation>



Shared Community Dinner



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Sunday 23rd July from 5.30pm,
at the Leigh Creek Church Community Centre.

Please bring your favourite
Special Christmas Dish to share

All Welcome



NOVEMBER 18TH 2023
LEIGH CREEK
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
& FIREWORKS

AMUSEMENT RIDES
FOOD & DRINK STALLS
STRICTLY NO BYO OR GLASS ALLOWED

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY
ACCA DACCA

THE ONLY SHOW ON EARTH APPROVED BY AC/DC

QR CODE FOR TICKETS  TICKETS \$50 ADULTS
\$20 (AGES 12-18)
UNDER 12 FREE

COME & HAVE THE BEST WEEKEND LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS DONE!!

Dates for your calendar

- Christmas in July on Sunday 23rd at the Leigh Creek Community Centre from 5.30pm.
- Flinders Family Fun Day at Leigh Creek Wednesday 25th October
- Leigh Creek Christmas Pageant, AccaDacca Concert and Fireworks Saturday 18th November



Contact us

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COPLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Fresh produce Plants for sale

What's in season this month?
A range of vital greens, pumpkins and capsicum are ready, with peas, fennel, herbs, spinach and radish on the way. Super healthy and delicious!
Pick your own food in exchange for a donation or volunteering.



Would you like to join in?
Copley Community Garden is a great place to chill out, meet new people and pick up some new nursery and gardening skills. There are many projects underway for you to take part in, such as nursery work, sowing, watering, orchard planting and construction projects.
Swap your labour for fresh food!

Opening times
Tuesday 10 - 12 / Thursday 10 - 12 / Sunday 10 - 2
You are also welcome to pop in anytime the gate is open.

Working bees
First Sunday of the month
Come along for some fresh air, fresh food and fun group projects.
Ron can tell you more about current projects.
Be sure to pack a drink, a hat, a handful of seeds and some good ideas.

Everyone is welcome!