

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS

## Leigh Creek Town Plan - Community Workshops

Jeanette Gellard from Innovative Influences returned to Leigh Creek to facilitate a series of community workshops to help us plan for the town's future in a way that improves the township's livability, attractiveness and resilience.

Each workshop started by revisiting the Community Vision from early 2022 to check in if it is still relevant, and receiving a unanimous Yes!

Leigh Creek is an engaged, self-sustaining community that celebrates diversity and acknowledges its history, maintains a vibrant retail precinct and flourishing tourism sector that brings increased employment and business opportunities, and supports a quality of life that embraces wellbeing and creates a sense of belonging.

Each group spent some time using maps discussing how the town will look and function, looking towards how the newly created public spaces could be used and what amenities are needed for this to happen. What Town Signage is needed moving forward, which community assets are needed and exploring the future use. Finally mapping the community groups and how a collaborative approach can be achieved moving forward, including skills needed and resources to support good governance.

Participants also had the opportunity do a "Town Walk" and enjoy a yummy BBQ dinner held in the fabulous new community space.



WORKSHOP 1



WORKSHOP 2



TESTING OUT THE NEW BBQ

# Leigh Creek Community Precinct Development

The BBQ's in the newly created Community Precinct had only just been connected and then promptly used within the hour. This open space is fast becoming the hub location for both community and tourists to enjoy.

The club room refurbishing works are complete and was "christened" at the Community Workshops, although we had to jump in the queue as other families were already cooking up a storm. This too was quickly followed by the Flinders Family Fun Day event. This work has been funded by the government's Future Town Plan program.

So impressed with the new facilities when attending the community workshops a Friday evening tennis group was formed to enjoy this space, and the evening twilight. (For more details contact Meg or Sonia) The courts are still awaiting new line-marking and the basketball and netball rings but already is becoming the place to be.

Thanks to a grant from the OCA the playground area is sporting new sails, and Pedro has recently topped up the soft fall, collectively complimenting all the other works that have been undertaken, the area is looking a treat and now safe too.

The Leigh Creek Community Progress Association work on the Cycling area is complete with the new shade sail installed over the pump track. Thanks to Colin and Jill Murdoch's mammoth effort, and in working with the School students they painted the track design alongside creating an inviting spot catering for younger children too.



# FLINDERS FAMILY FUN DAY



The 2023 Flinders Family Fun Day saw a few changes to the event and was very well attended, representing an excellent day showcasing services in our Region. The day moved back to the Town Oval and the meals were provided in the newly developed Community Precinct near the playground and pump track.

Tahma Jackson-Coulthard new to the role did a fantastic job ensuing that the day ran smoothly. Following a breakfast sponsored by Heathgate Resources, Vincent Coulthard welcomed all to Country followed by Eugene Warrior the Director for Aboriginal Health, Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network. 22 stalls promoted their work and provided giveaways to those participating in the much loved "passport" pathway.

Leigh Creek OCA sponsored the BBQ lunch with both Community Development Officers Joe and Sally and Sandra from the Port Augusta Office ably cooking up a storm. Thanks to the local IGA who made the most amazing individual salads.

Cultural Cooking delighted all with a delicious fire cooked kangaroo and yummy damper.



# OUT AND ABOUT



## Beltana 150 years Celebration

The Borderers performed at the Beltana 150 year celebrations during the October weekend. This performance was the culmination of an amazing day including a township walking tour, afternoon tea looking through old photos, delightful scones cooked in the underground oven and delicious dinner. As ever a splendid evening for the large crowd who attended.

## North Moolooloo Station Golf Classic

October long weekend celebrated another most successful fundraising event organised by the Ferguson Family at North Moolooloo Station on the unique and purpose built 18 hole golf course. This year 26 teams competed in the golf event, there were plenty of delicious meals served, ably cooked by Helen McCloud and her team. The day concluded in the woolshed with a charity auction raising funds for the RFDS. An impressive amount was raised and a superb and great fun experience was had by all who attended. The hot and dusty conditions increasing the need for a beverage or two along the way.



**The winning team - the golf fathers**



# OUT AND ABOUT



## William Creek 6th Outback Fly-In

The skies were filled with aircraft as the October long-weekend approached. A large crowd attended the festivities at the small Outback town of William Creek. Some aviators even chose to camp with their planes as pictured. There was a live band, 2023 AFL Grand Final screening, seminars, and loads more! Presentations included Captain Rod Lovell, OzRunways, CASA AvSafety & Angel Flight Australia. Those who attended left with the ringing comments that they will be back next year. An amazing and unique Outback event.



A few fabulous photos of the event taken by Ryan Osbourne, love the one of the full moon looking through the plane.

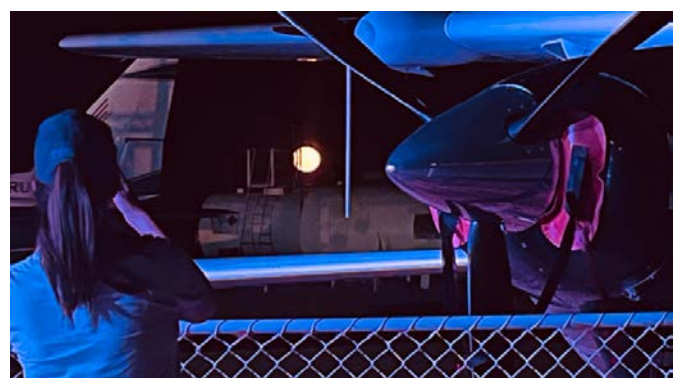




Photo taken by Pedro at Beltana

## 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”.

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. Call the OCA Leigh Creek Office if you would like more details.

## Leigh Creek Town Oval Closed for Works

Please follow the signage posted around the Town Oval over the next month as we undertake works to fertilise and remove the black beetle the lawn. We anticipate that the oval will only be closed for a night or two but would greatly appreciate your compliance for safety reasons.

## Community Dinner

Please join us  
**Saturday 9th December**  
from 5.30pm  
at the Leigh Creek  
Community Centre  
Bring your favourite dish to share  
All very welcome!



Kath is keen to encourage this little fella to move into her place - if seen please show him the way.

## Leigh Creek Task Force Updates

Leigh Creek Task Force Chair Paul Case and Project Manager Vicki Beard provided the community with an update on Thursday 19th October, the presentation can be found on the Leigh Creek Transformation web page

<https://www.oca.sa.gov.au/communities/leigh-creek-transformation>

The next Community Conversation with the Leigh Creek Task Force is scheduled for February 2024. All Welcome.



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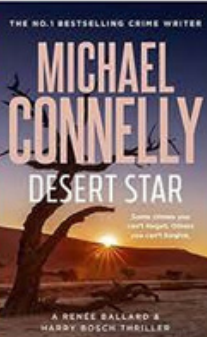
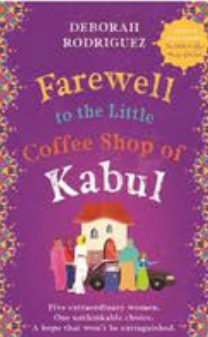
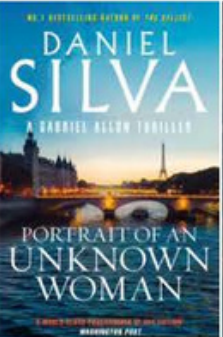
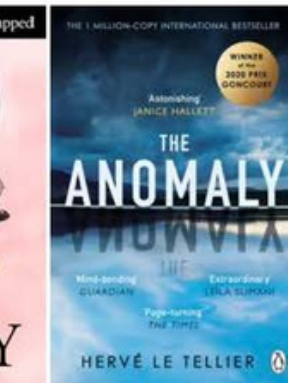
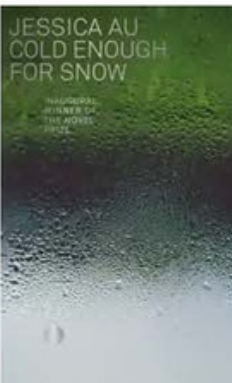
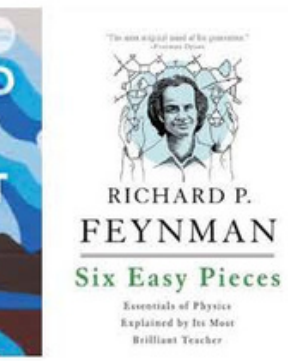
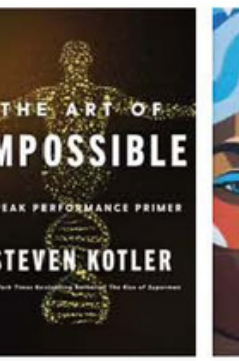
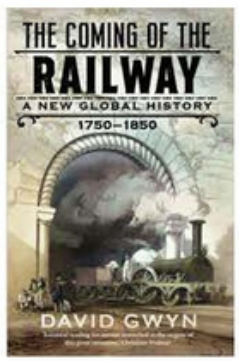
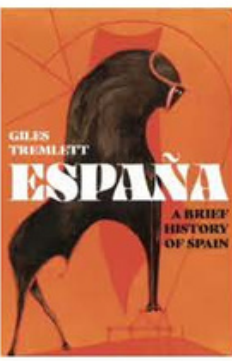
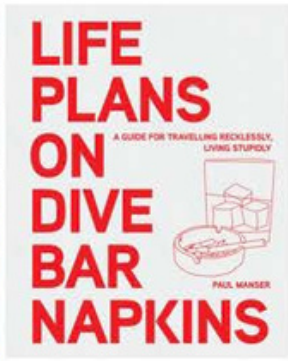
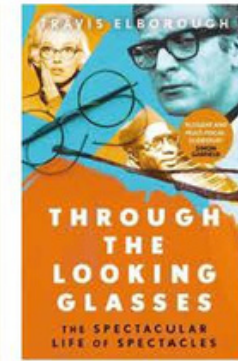
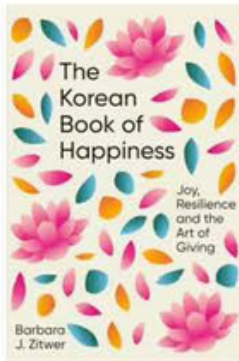
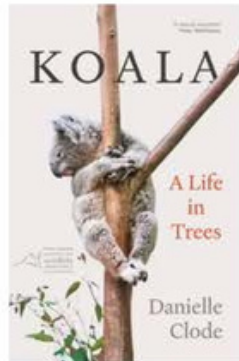
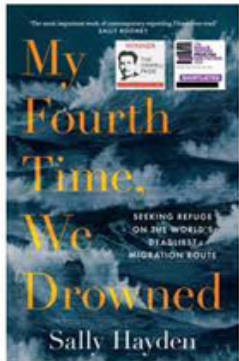
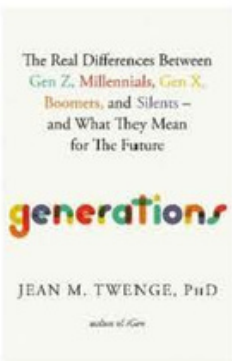
**OPEN** School Terms MON-FRI 8.30 - 5 / SAT 9 - 1.30

School Holidays MON-FRI 1 - 5 / SAT 9 - 1.30

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# **Community Seed Swap**

Would you like to take part in our new  
Community Seed Swap?  
It's easy!

share what you can < > take what you need



**GIVE SEEDS** - Start collecting seeds from your favourite plants. Clean away any seed husks and dry out your seeds. Make a note of plant name and size. Bring your seeds in to the library to share.

**GAIN SEEDS** - Seeds are freely available to everyone in the community. Pop into the library regularly to see how our seed collection is growing.



## Dates for your calendar

- Leigh Creek Christmas Pageant, Acca/Dacca Concert and Fireworks Saturday 18th November
- SA Remote and Regional Dental Clinic is in Leigh Creek 20 - 23 November
- Car Boot Sale - Sunday 26th November 10am - 2pm
- Community Dinner - Saturday 26th November at the Leigh Creek Community Centre from 5.30pm. The theme is bring your favourite food to share
- On the Right Track - Thursday 7th December 9am - 4.30pm

## **COPLEY GAMES 23/24**

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER  
@ COPLEY CRICKET CLUB

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
@COPLEY CRICKET CLUB

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY  
@ HAWKER

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY  
@ QUORN

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY  
@COPLEY CRICKET CLUB



SATURDAY 2ND MARCH  
@BLINMAN


The Copley home games are in red

**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!!

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