

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS



## BIKES PALYA

At the end of August the Bikes Palya team visited the school, throughout the week students gained skills in areas such as riding a bike, road safety and general bike maintenance.

Some of the older students ventured out to the BMX Track and an extended ride out to Aroona Dam. Hopefully these new skills will encourage the confidence to use the course on the weekends and school holidays.

On the Thursday afternoon students competed in two competing teams as part of the Bike Olympics, competing in a variety of skill and race events.

The Bikes Palya team converted one of the school sheds into a "new bike shed" and donated a number of bikes, helmets and some maintenance equipment so that the school can continue enjoying the bike riding experience.

Pictured are some of the participants at the Bike Olympics.

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## BETTER MIND HEALTH

Recently hosted in Leigh Creek was the Better Mind Health Sessions as part of a series of workshops, to remind individuals to remain vigilant about their own - and their mates' mental health.

Guest speaker Anthony Hart of Hart Wellbeing delivered his powerful story of struggling with stress, anxiety and depression.

Those attending felt that both Anthony's presentation and the information provided including a list of useful resources were extremely helpful.

# OUR TOWN

## Town Centre Lights now LED

The lights throughout the Town Centre have been switched to LED providing much better lighting. In celebration a few locals held an evening bbq at the oval area.



## LEIGH CREEK POST OFFICE

Australia Post has received from the current operators of the Copley Post Office an intent to cease operating. While Australia Post is committed to retaining a presence in the Copley Community unfortunately they have not found a new operator to continue the postal service.

The Leigh Creek Post Office has extended its hours due to the closing of the Post Office at Copley.

### The new hours are:

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm.

## LEIGH CREEK HEALTH SERVICES

Ph 8675 2018

### For all emergencies phone 000

The Leigh Creek Health Service is part of the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network. The service is supported by a weekly visiting GP Service, pharmacy services, 24/7 medical support and a range of visiting community-based services.

**Revitalise**  
health and wellness

Commit to Fit!

### MetaFIT classes

Tuesday & Thursday evenings, during the school term  
5pm start and run for just 30 minutes!  
Leigh Creek Town Oval

### Bookings Essential

For further details, contact Mel Ferry

Phone: 0429 836 099

Instagram: @revitalise\_healthandwellness

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# PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

## Leasing Arrangements

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) continues to provide residential tenancy agreements until 30-June-2021 to people who meet one or more of the following conditions and meet the governments assessment criteria:

- Supporting new/increased economic activity in the region
- Employed by Leigh Creek businesses or service providers (minimum of 7.5 hours per week)
- Have children enrolled at the Leigh Creek Area School

Please note that only those residents approved by the Department can live at any premises, and the use of vacant premises or land for storage or living is strictly not allowed. Any items found at vacant premises will be disposed of.

## Reporting Property Issues

Please report any property related maintenance issues or damage directly to the Department. If you are aware a vacant property may have been damaged, broken into or noticed a water leak, please let us know.

Please note, any damage to an occupied property that is deemed negligent will be repaired by the Department's contractors and an invoice will be issued to the tenant to recover costs.

## Contact

Please don't hesitate to contact the Department staff should you wish to discuss any issue or concern:

Peter Thomas - Phone (08) 8343 2605

Simon Muecke - Phone (08) 8343 2613

Email: [DIT.LeighCreekProperty@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.LeighCreekProperty@sa.gov.au)

# EVENTS

## Flinders Family Fun Day

At the Leigh Creek Oval and Stadium

Wednesday 21st October

All day event

## Nunga Screen

At the Leigh Creek Cinema

Friday 13th November

6-8pm screening

If you have an event coming up please call the OCA Office and let us know so that it can be included in our event calendar.

# LEIGH CREEK SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is returning to NORMAL OPENING HOURS:

During the school term

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

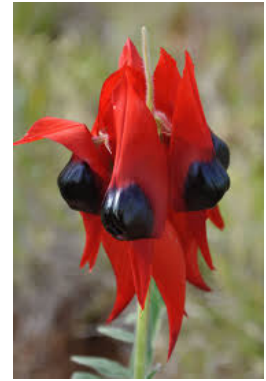
Saturday 9.00am - 1.30pm

All library visitors are asked to go directly to and from the library due to COVID-19

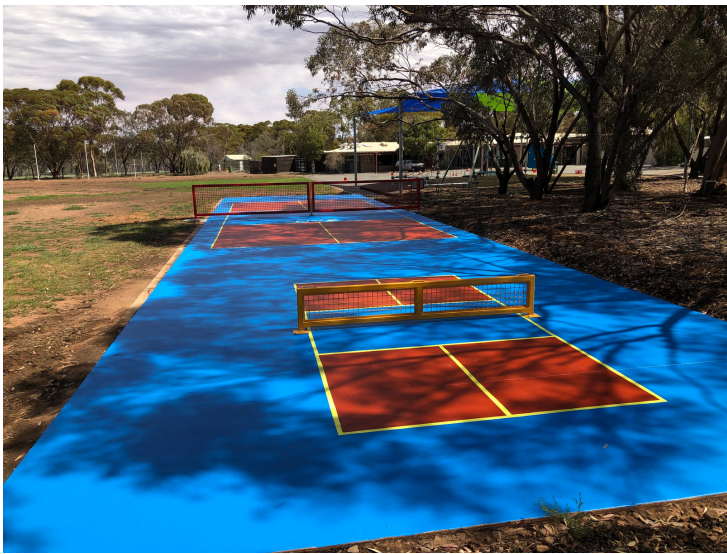
During the school holidays

Monday - Friday 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.30pm



## EXCITING TIMES AT LEIGH CREEK AREA SCHOOL



The last week of term saw a flurry of activity at the school near the oval, resulting in the fantastic new handball courts. There are 2 sizes as pictured and now complete, waiting in readiness for the next term, let the games begin!

Below the handball courts is a picture of another exciting installment this time on the quadrangle, but we will leave you guessing as to what you think this will be. Watch this space to follow the development!



### Useful Plant Nursery Donations

The school's newly established nursery, continues to develop.

In the last term students with the guidance of a few passionate teachers have propagated and grown a small crop of native plants and vegetable seedlings, pictured. The project is in need of an old cement mixer (hand or electric) and donations of any seeds or viable cuttings that can be raised by the students into seedlings. Thanks in anticipation.



# NEW FACES AND A WARM WELCOME

On Monday 21st of September Mel and Buddy Bowden started trading as an IGA Store in Leigh Creek.

Together they bring great supermarket experience having owned the Quorn IGA for almost seven years and the Quorn Butcher Shop for five years. This butcher's store will now be supplying meat to the Leigh Creek Supermarket.

Over time I'm sure we will see many changes and find both familiar and some new faces working in the supermarket. This week Nuala, a Year 12 student from Quorn was here for the week working in the Leigh Creek IGA Supermarket.

If you have any questions regarding regular items you require Mel would love to discuss this with you.



Pictured here are Mel and Jess - both a little camera shy.

## BUSINESS HOURS

The trading hours are:

**Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm**

**Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm**



A little local found wandering around town



Mel and Buddy receiving the keys from Desley and Peter

## Contact us

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Leigh Creek Office

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# SEPTEMBER RAIN



As the rain came tumbling down many of the local creeks flooded. Aroona Dam filled once again with water gushing over the wall, this time however the yellow buoys stayed anchored in place. Yet again locals delighted in the rain, a varied amount was recorded throughout the region but was very welcome and with some roads blocked providing many tourists with the opportunity to stay another night!



# AWARD WINNING PIES AT COPLEY

Our very own local baker Jimmy Banfield, has recently received National recognition for his amazing pies and pasties, confirming what we already knew, they are so yummy.

The Copley Bush Bakery and Quandong Cafe won medals at the 2020 Australia's Best Pie and Pastie Competition held in August at the Randwick Racecourse in Sydney. The tasty morsels that received the awards were the Plain Minced Beef Pie, Beef Curry Pie (a very recent addition), Chunky Steak and Pepper Pie, Chicken and Leek Pie and the more recent addition the Traditional Pastie. Congratulations to Jimmy, Mary-Lee and Peter for an excellent and most tasty effort.

**Open 7 days a week 8.00am to 3.00pm.**



## LEIGH CREEK VISITOR INFORMATION OUTLET

The Leigh Creek Community Progress Association has recently engaged three lovely locals (pictured are Mel and Skye) to assist travelers and tourists in navigating their way through the region. Nearly 400 visitors were assisted during the first 3 weeks a fantastic effort indeed.

**The VIO is now open between 10.00am to 2.00pm everyday until the end of November.**

If you would like to assist as a volunteer at the VIO please contact the Outlet to discuss further on 0491 808 882 or email [leighcreekvio@outlook.com](mailto:leighcreekvio@outlook.com).



## FOLLOW THE EXPLORERS WAY TRACK AT THE VIO

The Explorers Way track at the Visitor Information Outlet has finally been completed. This fantastic visual representation of the Explorers Way has been a vision and project of Colin and Jill Murdoch over the last two years. In a mammoth effort and assisted by Mel and Darryl Bowshire the display was recently completed. It is designed to encourage visitors to travel along the track with each town having display space that provides further information.

There is a wealth of information about Leigh Creek in the centre of the room, spots to sit and watch some of the great films that have been produced including the building of the new Leigh Creek township while the amazing nature spots are easily accessed. Pop in to experience the track first hand!



# FAREWELL & BEST WISHES DESLEY AND PETER WARDELL



It is with mixed feelings that we say farewell to Desley and Peter Wardell as they begin the next chapter in their lives of retirement. We are very sad that they will no longer be here in Leigh Creek after 47 years they are part of the fabric and history of both this and the old town. However, on behalf of all the Leigh Creek residents both past and present we most sincerely wish them many more years of happiness, relaxation and time with their family. In 1974 Desley and Peter, with their three year old daughter Rowena and soon to arrive Belinda, moved to the old township of Leigh Creek located at the mine, running the supermarket was part of a five year plan. Peter was an electrical engineer who had been working at the Broken Hill Mine and Desley a secretary embraced the community and thrived. When the "new" Leigh Creek township was built they moved their successful supermarket business into the town centre. Over the years Desley and Peter have supported the town through events, employment for young people and been an active member of the Leigh Creek Progress Association. One resident told of the wonderful Christmas parties on the oval where every child was given ride tickets from the Wardell's Supermarket. The Wardell's commitment and loyalty to the community has been immense. Retirement to the Clare region will see them surrounded by family including their twin granddaughters Lucy and Sophie aged ten (pictured with Desley and Peter) and grandsons aged 8, 16 and 18. Desley and Peter take with them our heartfelt thanks for their dedication, support and commitment over the last 47 years.

**Happy Retirement**