

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS

## Leigh Creek Residents and Ratepayer Association

The Association is a 'membership type' association, which means that it is comprised of a body of general members (being the residents and ratepayers of Leigh Creek). Membership of the association carries the right to attend and vote at general meetings (comprising the annual general meeting, or AGM, and also at any other general meetings the Committee may convene). The association will meet once per year at the AGM to appoint/elect the Committee, distribute the financials, review the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) rates and discuss any other important matters, such as for example a change to the Association's Constitution.

The day to day management of the Association will be the responsibility of the Committee. This Committee group has been working with the OCA in relation to setting the CCS rate for Leigh Creek. The OCA aims to ensure that the CCS rate and level of services, including the vision for the future town represents the whole community. The OCA will continue to work with this group throughout the transition period to build the skills and capacity needed to independently manage Leigh Creek.

For further information or a membership form please contact Tammy Tarr at the Post Office.

**A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2023-24 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT & COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME FOR LEIGH CREEK WILL BE HELD AT THE LEIGH CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH  
17:30 - 18:30 May 18 2023.**

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) has drafted the 2023-24 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreements, (including a Community Contribution Scheme) for Leigh Creek. The draft CARM agreement is available from [www.oca.sa.gov.au](http://www.oca.sa.gov.au). Hard copies are also available at the Leigh Creek Town Management Office at Leigh Creek Aerodrome or by contacting the OCA on 1800 640 542 or by email [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au). Interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the CARM and / or the Community Contribution Scheme prior to the conclusion of the consultation period.

A public meeting to discuss the Leigh Creek 2023-24 CARM and Community Contribution Scheme will be held in the Leigh Creek Community Church at 17:30 on 18 May 2023.

The public is encouraged to review the draft document, and provide any comment to the OCA at PO Box 3326 Port Augusta SA 5700 or [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)

Consultation on the CARM Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme concludes 17:00 2 June 2023.

## Leigh Creek Tennis/Netball Area work commences

Watch this space as the area starts to transform. As part of the Leigh Creek Transformation Works the Tennis/Netball Area is getting a "face lift", works will commence soon to refresh the shared club rooms and toilets, repair surface damage to the existing courts and replace the tennis nets and netball goal rings. A new basketball court will also be linemarked creating 3 tennis courts, one netball court and the basketball court, providing great opportunities for locals to acquire or enhance their skills. A new BBQ area too will be created shifting the focus of the Community area to this side of the oval. The Outback Communities Authority have also been successful in gaining grant funding to replace the shade sails over the playground area.



### Leigh Creek Task Force Updates

The next Community Conversation with the Leigh Creek Task Force is on **Thursday 22nd June at the Leigh Creek Community Church 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>

## THE DO'S AND DONT'S OF PLANNING

For those who now own your 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](http://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.

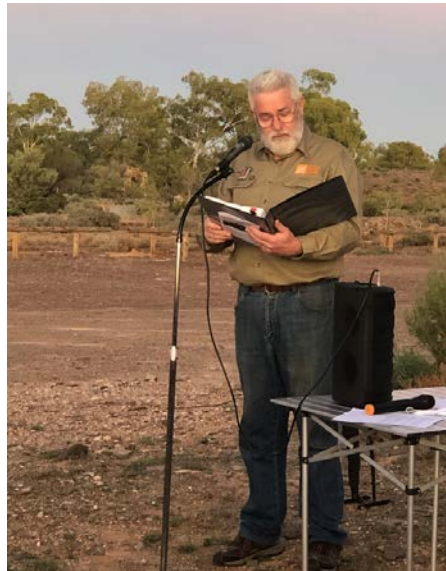
The future of Leigh Creek is important to Outback South Australia; it is important to protect its history and important to plan its future. Opportunities for community participation will be advertised soon, so bring your ideas and dare to dream



# OUT AND ABOUT



**Our own Windy celebrating his 80th Birthday Bash at the Tavern**



The Beltana ANZAC Dawn Service led by Colin Morrow, with John O'Dea providing entertainment as the delicious BBQ breakfast was served



A few photos of some of the ongoing works around Leigh Creek including the newly paved bin areas created for the Flat Groups (thanks Gary F), the Resource Recovery Shed construction is moving along at a pace and Eddie and Gary assessing the water leak at the Airport.



**Sticks and his partner Kori have recently taken on the role of Managing the new Caravan Park**



**Introducing the new Police Officer Constable Adam Sroka**





# COPLEY ANNUAL HORSE AND MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA

PHOTOS BY SOPHIE MATTERSON





# SHARED COMMUNITY DINNER JUNE - INCREDIBLE ITALIAN

Join us for our inaugural Community Dinner at the Leigh Creek Community Church on Sunday 4th June starting at 5.30pm. Please bring your Incredible Italian Speciality Dish to share.

All welcome



The Leigh Creek OCA Team are working with the community to project lead the upgrade of the Leigh Creek Community Church. The work will hopefully happen over the next 6 months to create a more inviting shared space.

Do you have a skill or talent that you would like to develop into something you could teach or share with the community please call Tracy on 0457 200 087. Pictured is a flower sculpture that could be perfect for a community space, dream big.

## Circus Strong Program



The SA Circus Centre in collaboration with the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), has secured funding from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing as part of the Active State Collaboration Program. This funding will enable SA Circus Centre, to collaborate with Progress Associations and local communities, to launch the 'Circus Strong' program. The aim of the project is to provide greater opportunities for outback youth to stay active and healthy. Initially funded for 12 months, the program has the potential to receive three years of funding. Each community will be provided with circus equipment to support the project and allow young people to continue developing their circus skills even after the program concludes.

On **Wednesday 7th June SA Circus will visit Leigh Creek** to deliver two Circus Strong Workshops one for the school students and one for community members. On **Thursday 8th June** another community workshop will be held at **Copley**. Watch for flyers announcing the times





# COPLLEY 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!*

## Dates for your calendar

- OCA 23/24 CARM Agreement & CCS Meeting Thursday 18th May 5.30pm - 6.30pm at the Leigh Creek Community Church
- Sophie's The Crossings Book launch at the Leigh Creek Community Library Friday 19th May 3.30pm
- Dental Visit - Oral Health Program at Leigh Creek 22 May - 25 May for appointments [dentalbookings@flyingdoctor.net](mailto:dentalbookings@flyingdoctor.net) or 1800 370 793
- Services Australia Remote Service Team at Leigh Creek Wed 24th May 1.15pm - 5pm at the Leigh Creek Community Church
- Landscapes SA Arid Lands Holowiliena Stickybeak Day Wednesday 31st May
- Farina 2023 Opening Sat 27th May - Sun 23rd July

# Holowiliena Stickybeak Day

Wednesday 31 May

Learn about native grass identification and nutrition, inspect soil conservation works that have improved productivity and see how people power has led to the protection of bullock bush

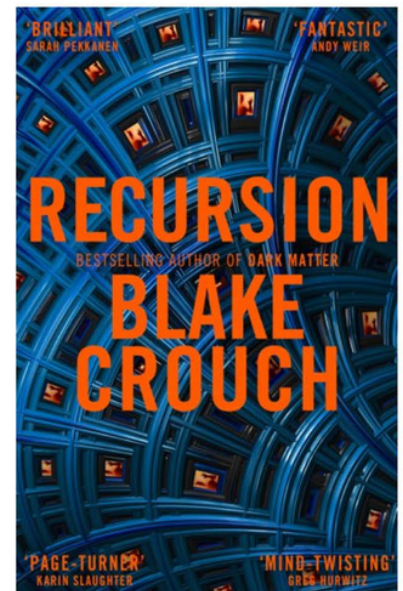
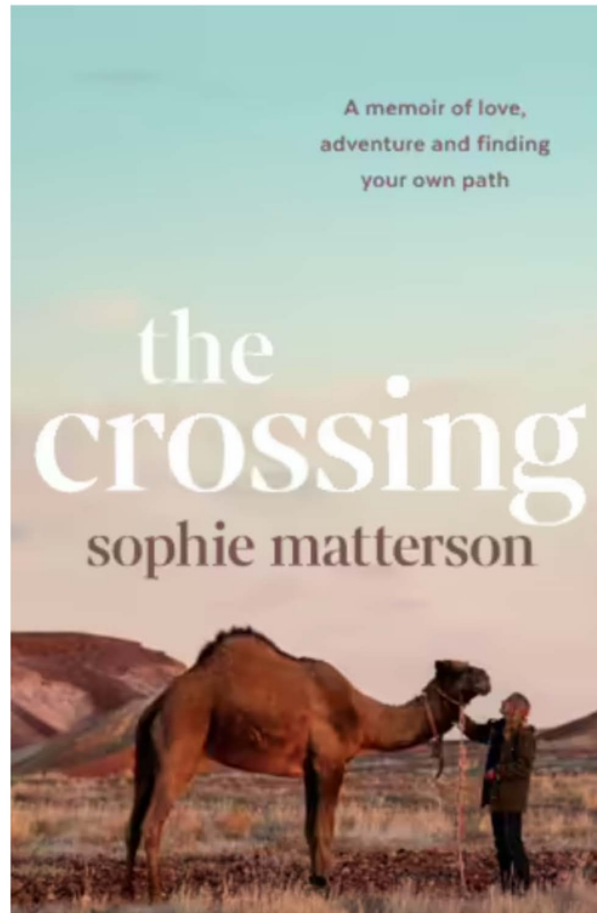
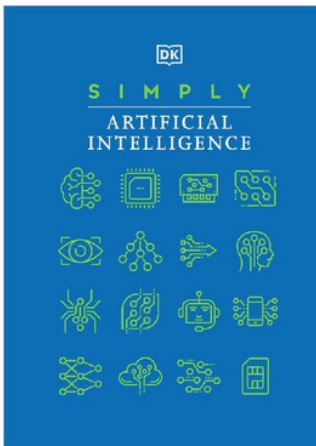
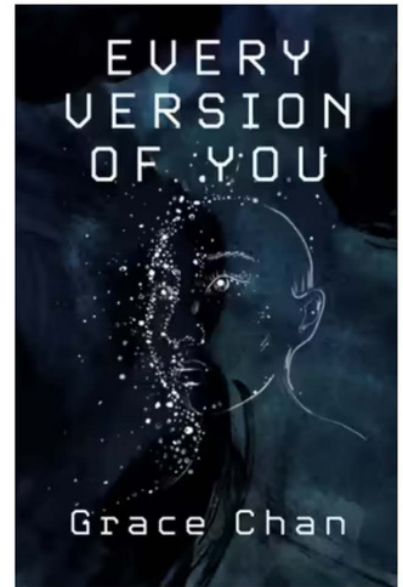
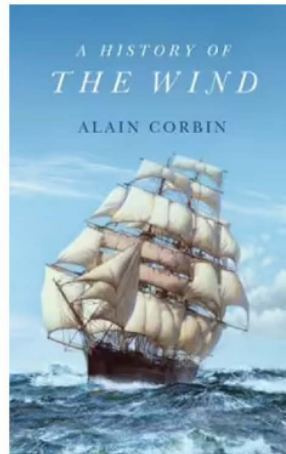
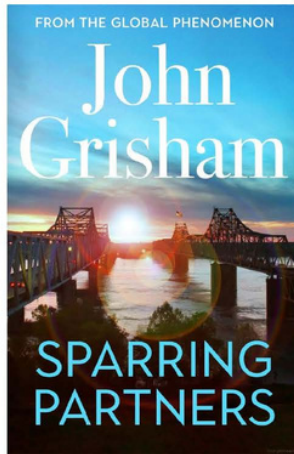
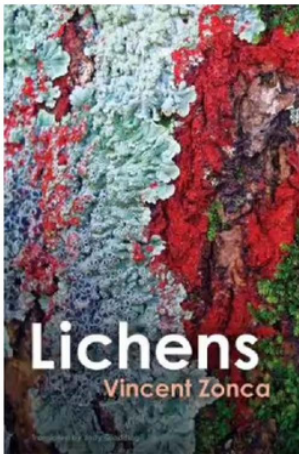
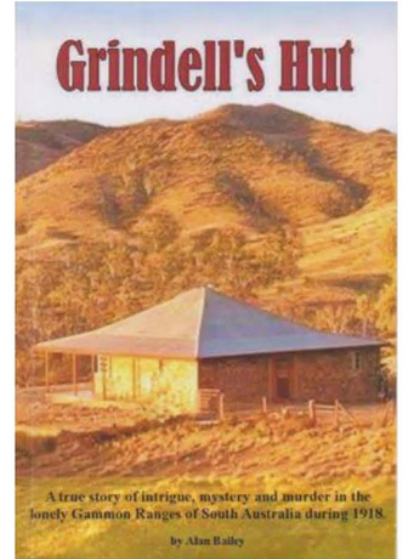
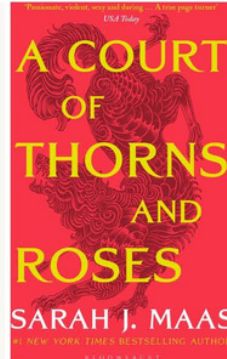
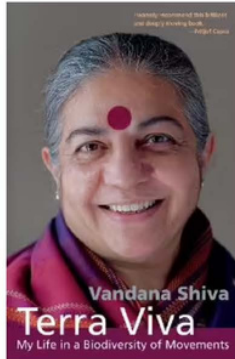
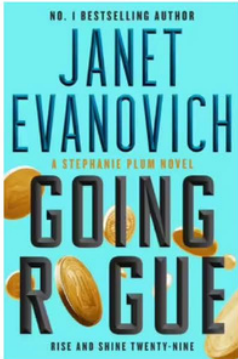
Register at

<https://events.humanitix.com/holowiliena-stickybeak-day>  
or scan the QR code

Contact Matt Westover on 0438 816 210 or at [Matthew.Westover@sa.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Westover@sa.gov.au) for more information







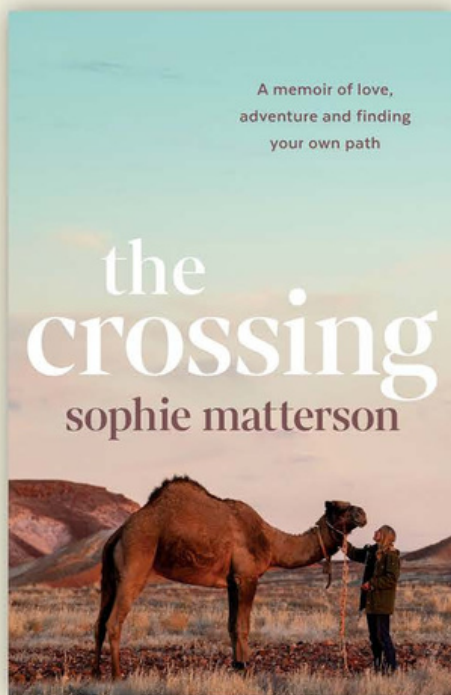


Leigh Creek Library proudly invites you to the

# BOOK LAUNCH

of **The Crossing**

with author **Sophie Matterson**



An epic story of leaving everything behind to find purpose, adventure and love by crossing 4750km of rugged Australian terrain with five wild camels, from the winner of the **2022 Australian Geographic Spirit of Adventure Award.**

*'The Crossing is as profound as it is moving - a tapestry of adventure, love and, of course, camels.'*

Tim Cope, author of  
On the Trail of Genghis Khan

## Friday 19th May, 3:30pm

**Book sales \$35 • Refreshments provided • All welcome**



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