# **LEIGH CREEK NEWS**



## **TWILIGHT TENNIS COACHING**

With the official opening of the Marree Tennis Courts scheduled Outback Communities Authority's Mark Shirley with Stephen Ruffles took the opportunity to hold a twilight tennis coaching at the Leigh Creek courts much to the delight of the local community.

Heather, Bridie and Jumeka assisted or perhaps conscripted is more appropriate. The 20 children who attended had a great time learning new skills, and as the photos show all ages were encouraged to participate.

The weather turned out to be perfect too. It is hoped that this will be the first of many opportunities to engage our young folks in a number of social sporting events encouraging them to come and try something new.

### **NEW LEIGH CREEK WEBSITE**

Check out our fantastic new website created by Tim Froling for the Leigh Creek Community Progress Association. https://visitleighcreek.com.au/





## **FLINDERS FAMILY FUN DAY**







Leigh Creek was delighted to host the Flinders Family Fun Day in October, with a wide group of both services and enterprises represented as stall holders. An informative Welcome to Country was provided by Terry Coulthard and another great opportunity to see the fabulous comedian Kevin Kropinyeri perform again before running a comedy workshop. Kevin had performed the evening before at the Tavern to a packed crowd - observing covid restrictions of course. SA Circus Centre - Home of Cirkidz enthralled the many children who attended, including those from the Marree and Leigh Creek Schools, the trainers both demonstrating and teaching new skills to students. The whole day was professionally managed by Glenise and Leetoiya Coulthard as part of the Flinders & Upper North Local Health Network. The OCA provided a BBQ luncheon which, if the lack of left overs were any indication, proved extremely popular. A number of locals were invited to make some delicious damper using a variety of traditional cooking methods and local native ingredients. A fantastic day enjoyed by all who attended. At the conclusion of the day a number of folks were able to head off to Iga Warta to participate in the Cultural Emersion Program.







## **OCA OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS**

The Outback Communities Authority Office will be closed between Monday 21st December and Friday 1st January, inclusive. If the matter is urgent please call Tracy on 0457 200 087 or Will on 0417 219 754.

#### DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT FESTIVE SEASON TIMES

The Adelaide office will be closed from COB Friday 18 December, returning on Monday 4 January Any urgent maintenance matters may be reported to 08 8343 2613 or 08 7109 7735 Alternatively an email may be sent to DIT.LeighCreekProperty@sa.gov.au Please provide a brief description of the issue, along with your name, address and contact details.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

Lady Marion (pictured right) has been very busy helping in the Leigh Creek IGA, working at the check outs, wearing a mask and most recently she has been found relaxing at the stores entrance reminding us of the importance to remember to be prepared for the summer by slip, slop, slap. The Leigh Creek Post Office boxes have had a facelift and now are looking very swish.





#### COMMUNITY MEETING WITH HON DAN VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN MP - 17 DECEMBER 2020

Many community members will be aware that the government has allocated \$30.6 million new funding in the 2020-21 State Budget for Leigh Creek.

The Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, Member for Stuart, Minister for Energy and Mining and Lead Minister for the Leigh Creek Task Force will be at Leigh Creek on the evening of 17 December to meet with the residents of Leigh Creek and surrounding communities and to provide our local community with further detail.

This opportunity will be the first of many to share information and to discuss any issues you may have with the Minister and also with members of the Task Force. More details about the meeting will be provided soon.

## **COPLEY & LEIGH CREEK PROGRESS CHRISTMAS POOL PARTY**

You are invited to the combined Copley and Leigh Creek Progress Christmas Pool Party on **Saturday 12th December** 2020 **from 2pm** 

There will be salads and a BBQ cooked by the Leigh Creek Energy Staff with Father Christmas arriving during the afternoon with gifts for the children.

Proudly sponsored by Leigh Creek Energy, Leigh Creek Outback Resort and OCA



The locals who attended last year, some of the littlies have grown heaps

## **AKURRA TRAIL UPDATE**



Work continues on the Akurra Trail with the project nearing completion. The way markers and furniture have been delivered to the VIO. However, given the hot weather these will not be placed until it is cooler, hopefully in April, just in time to celebrate the start of the tourist season.

This project has been a significant undertaking and demonstrates the strength of our community working collaboratively. Congratulations to everyone for their tireless work and commitment. Hopefully this will be the first of a number of trails established at and around the Aroona Dam and lead to many more community opportunities being explored.

## **CHRISTMAS BIN PICKUP & DUMP OPENING DAYS**

Over the Christmas period FMS will be undertaking the household collection services on: Monday 21st December 2020 Tuesday 29th December 2020 Monday 4th January 2021



The Leigh Creek Dump will be closed between Monday 21st December 2020 and Monday 4th January 2021

## **POOL OPENING**

The swimming pool 2020-21 season continues to work around covid restrictions. Operated by the Leigh Creek Outback Resort, the pool will be open from 2.15 pm to 6.45 pm each day when the temperature exceeds 26 degrees (determined 30 minutes prior to the opening time).

Access fees for the season are:

- \$5.50 per person
- \$50.00 one person season pass
- \$16.50 family pass
  (2 adults/up to 3 children)
- \$125.00 family season pass (2 adults/up to 3 children)
- Children under 5 are free.







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