

LEIGH CREEK NEWS

Let's talk about the Future of Leigh Creek

This follow up community workshop is to understand and confirm the collated community views and how these opinions will help to determine the future direction and vision for Leigh Creek.

**Wednesday 11th May
from 6.30 - 8.30pm at the
Leigh Creek Church Community Room**

Independent facilitator Jeanette Gellard, Innovative Influences will provide feedback about what "we have heard" so far that will make Leigh Creek vibrant and sustainable into the future. Even if you have not been able to attend any of the sessions before your attendance/participation will be very welcome and ideas are encouraged.

Refreshments and a light supper will be available during the workshop, so please join us as this **is your opportunity** to shape the future direction of the Leigh Creek township.

An online questionnaire can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeighCreekFuture> where you can share your views if you are unable to attend the workshop.

Your thoughts and opinions really do matter, please participate in a way that you are comfortable.



**Brother's
enjoying the
delights of
Aroona Dam
over Easter**

Photo provided by
Jeremy Carn

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LEIGH CREEK FUTURE TOWNSHIP

Leigh Creek Transformation update

The best source of up to date information about the Future Township Program is from the Leigh Creek Task Force as presented at the regular community meetings. Information is updated regularly on the OCA dedicated transformation webpage <https://www.oca.sa.gov.au/communities/leigh-creek-transformation> including local works opportunities, Task Force community presentation slides, newsletters and the high-level schedule of transformation milestones calendar.

Property Sales Update

The first house settlement occurred on 5 April 2022 and now a total of 14 houses and 12 Flats have settled and are in private ownership. Further settlements are due to occur throughout May.

Community Conversations

The next Community Conversation about the future township program will be held **on Thursday 23rd June,** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church. Please join us for a light dinner at the conclusion of the meeting.



Market Scrabble



Helicopters at the Leigh Creek Aerodrome on their way to the Birdsville Races.

Retention Dam photo provided by Jeremy Carn





Regional Development Australia Far North Leigh Creek Workshop

Want to Recruit and Retain staff

Come away with a workbook resource, templates, and valuable information link

Date: Wednesday the 1st of June

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Location: Church/Community Centre

Cost: \$25.00

Best practice techniques and guidance in successful recruitment strategies, retaining and developing staff, effective performance management, confirming and managing job expectations.

Up to two-hour mentoring session will be made available to all workshop participants at no extra cost (optional)

Contact Greg Williams

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Advance Notice

The OCA are implementing changes to the Leigh Creek Dump, this will include the access times and type of refuse accepted from 1/07/22.

Further details to follow.

2022 Events

All events are subject to COVID 19 restriction requirements at the time of the event

Livvy and Pete Come To The Flinders

Saturday 14th May 7:30 at Beltana Hall

Tickets \$25 at www.beltana.org.au/shop

Farina Bakery Opening

Saturday 28th May

Farina Bakery, Cafe and Visitors Centre will be open from the 28th May to the 24th July.

Australasian Camel Cup

Friday 1st of July at the Marree Sports Ground. Tickets will be available on the door or at <https://www.facebook.com/MarreeGymkhanaMotorkhana>

If you have an event that you would like to be included in this calendar please call George on (08) 8675 2126

LIVVY & PETE
COME TO THE FLINDERS

SATURDAY 14 MAY
Beltana Hall 7.30pm

Celebrating the songbooks of Aussie icons
Olivia Newton-John and Peter Allen

TICKETS \$25

Made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund

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Tickets available at the Beltana website www.beltana.org.au

OUT AND ABOUT

Copley Community Garden

After many months of hard work the Copley Community Garden and Nursery was officially opened on Friday the 8th of April. The project promises to produce a variety of native, ornamental and edible plants and is sure to be a great community space for the Copley and wider community.



Fishing At Aroona Dam

Keen anglers from far and wide descended on Aroona Dam over the Easter to cast out and see what they could land. With the release of thousands of fingerlings earlier this year, Aroona Dam is sure to keep attracting fisherfolk for years to come.



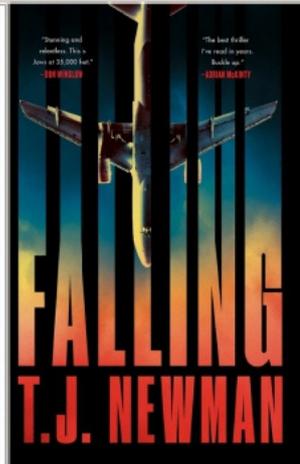
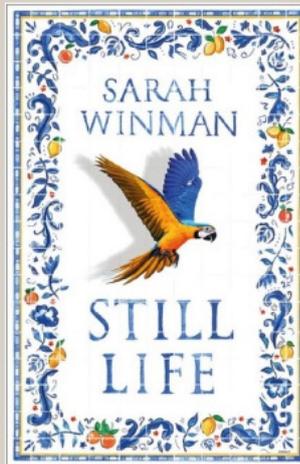
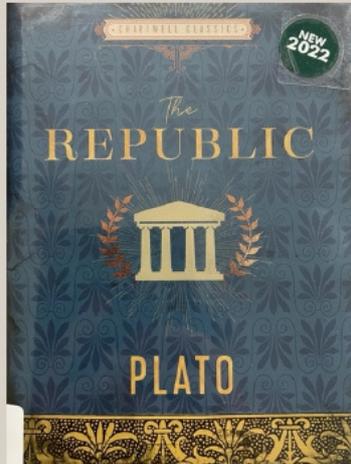
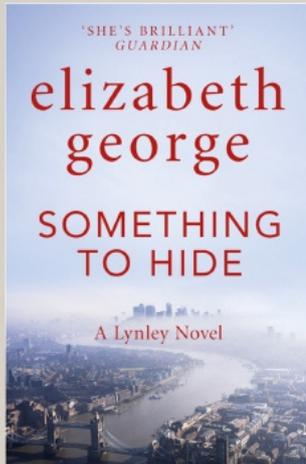
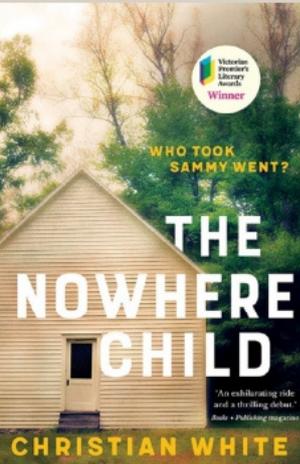
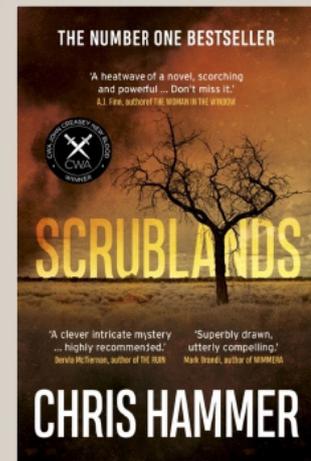
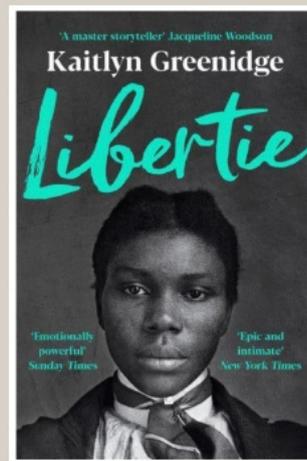
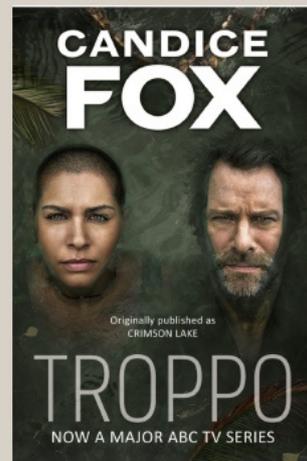
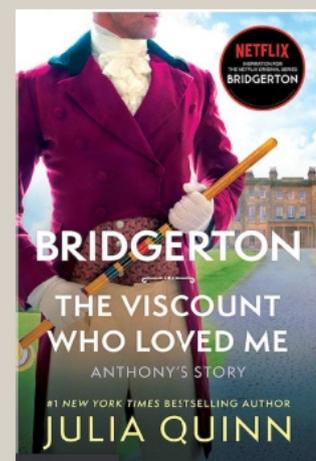
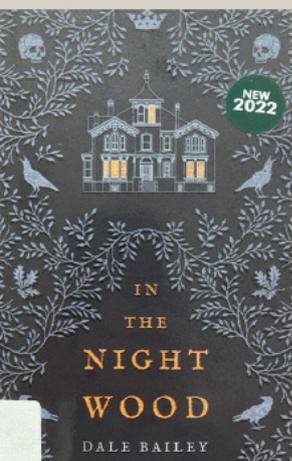
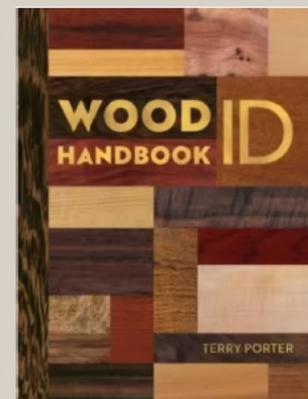
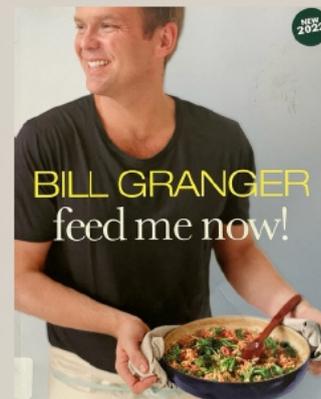
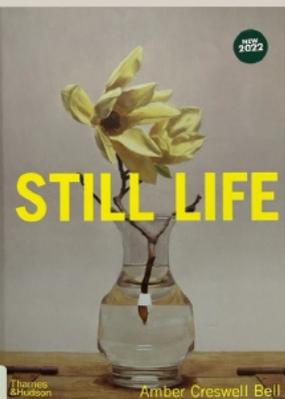
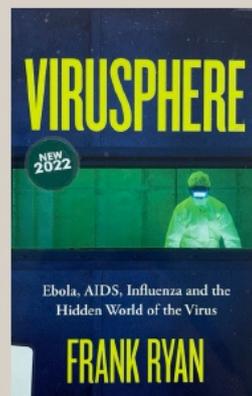
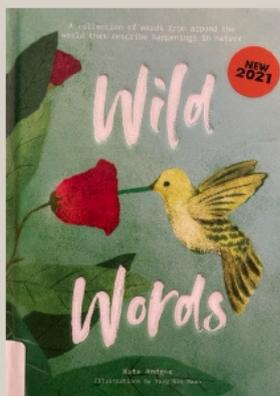
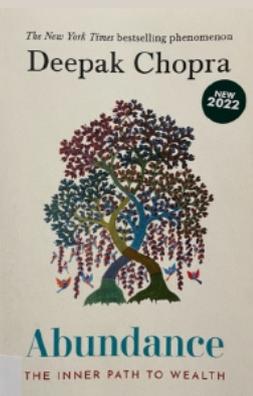
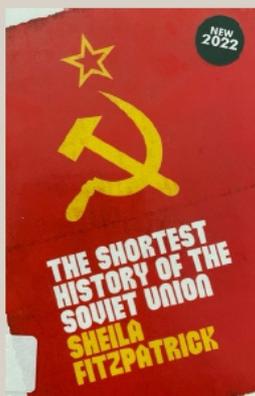
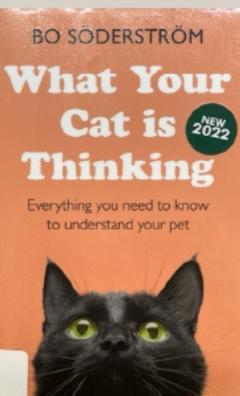
Stallholders and visitors had a great time at the **Copley Easter market**. With a huge variety of items for sale, from homemade sushi, houseplants and books to furniture, artwork and scented candles, visitors were spoiled for choice. Some of the local horses even stopped by the check it out!





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- Email library.leighcreek@gmail.com
- Phone / Fax 8675 2803



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CURRENT COMMUNITY
OPENING HOURS

School Terms Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5pm * Saturday 9 - 1.30
School Holidays Monday - Friday 1 - 5 * Saturday 9 - 1.30

Copley Community Garden Opening & Neville Bonney Native Food Workshop

The Copley & Districts Progress Association were delighted that so many people attended the opening of the Copley Community Garden on Friday, 8 April. While we waited for the formalities to get underway, guests wandered through the garden and admired the wonderful produce that is already growing in the Kitchen Garden and Ron showcased the many seedlings that are being nursed in the Greenhouse. This project has transformed a dilapidated and unused stable block into a lovely and productive community space within just over 12 months. Helen McLeod officially opened the Community Garden.

We are grateful to our funding partners, the Foundation for Rural and Remote Renewal, could see the vision and possibility of this project. We thank Ron for his enthusiasm, dedication and countless hours he has put into this project. He has shaped this project and made it what it is and we could not have achieved this without him. Other important contributors to the project were:

- The McConnell Dowell Diona Joint Venture with SA Water. The pipeline crew removed all the old cars and junk on the property for us and delivered the gravel to the door.
- Eddy Nicholls for his building, welding and fencing skills
- Gary Fuchs for the earth work, digging the many holes and delivering the manure
- Complete Personnel who purchased our gardening tools.
- Paul Ridsdale for digging the waterline trench free of charge.
- Kaesler Plumbing for installing our waterline and taps.
- Native Habit for erecting the lovely and spacious greenhouse
- Upper North Freight for delivering our stuff to the paddock
- Copley residents who have volunteered their time to help Ron and making this project a success.

After some more perusing of the garden, everyone was welcome to head to the Community Hall for a lovely lunch. This was followed by the much anticipated and well attended Neville Bonney workshop on Bush Food and Native Plants organised by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board. Neville not just provided us with great insights into growing of and the uses of native plants but he brought along a myriad of tasty treats, made with bush food, for us to taste, e.g. Quandong chutney, acacia seed biscuits, sandalwood nut chocolates. It was an enjoyable, educational and yummy afternoon.

The Community Garden is open whenever you see Ron's car in the yard and we would be delighted with more volunteers.

Article contributed by the Copley Progress Association Secretary

