

The Leigh Creek Resource Recovery Centre is Open!

The Outback Communities Authority, joined by our former Minister and Member for Stuart, the Hon Geoff Brock MP, opened the first recycling drop-off point of its kind in Outback SA on Tuesday, 23 April 2024.

Constructed using mostly recycled materials, the Centre will receive waste that would otherwise end up in landfill, including plastic containers, plastic bottles, plastic wrap, cardboard, steel cans, aluminium packaging and more. This initiative not only responds to Australia's 'National Waste Policy' but also contribute towards building a circular economy.

We thank everyone involved in making this happen and those who attended the opening to support this initiative.



Outback Vet Clinics

During April, veterinary clinics were held in Copley and Oodnadatta, providing residents in remote areas with access to various services for their beloved cats and dogs. These services included:

- general health check for cats and dogs
- desexing of male and female cats and dogs
- treatment for worms, fleas and mange
- vaccinations for hepatitis, distemper and parvo
- chip implantation and registration exclusively for cats.

The response from residents was overwhelmingly positive, with a significant uptake of the services provided.



Images courtesy of Port Pirie Vet Clinic

Successful Small Projects Funding Applications

Community Group	Description	Cost
Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association	- Contribution to upgrade the splashpad area, including children's play equipment and shade to offer young families in Andamooka vibrant recreational options and foster social connections and community wellbeing	\$5,000
Beltana Progress Association	- Establish a new landfill site for waste unable to be recycled for improved waste management	\$14,190
Copley & Districts Progress Association	- Install a shed at Copley Community Hall to enable sufficient storage of sporting equipment and other items - Equipment and furniture for the Copley Community Hall to facilitate income-generating events and encourage community connection	\$18,750 \$6,758
Marree & Districts Progress Association	- Railway Station Museum touch screen as part of an interactive display	\$3,978

Successful Sponsorship Applications

Community Group	Description	Cost
Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association	- Contribution towards training for three (3) individuals to become qualified to lead fitness activities to enhance community wellbeing - Training for licensed professionals in snake catching for community safety	\$5,000 \$5,110
Beltana Progress Association	- Cabaret Show to foster a vibrant arts culture in the region	\$1,500
Blinman Progress Association	- 'Artists of the ranges' art exhibition - Blinman Motokhana & Gymkhana to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$1,500 \$1,000
Gawler Ranges Progress Association	- Nonning Gymkhana & Motokhana to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$500
Flinders & Upper North Local Health Network	- T-shirts for the Flinders Family Fun Day to promote an event that provides information on health, lifestyle, employment and education	\$1,000
Marree Sports Club Inc	- Marree Gymkhana & Motorkhana to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$500
Marree & District Progress Association Inc	- Marree 30th Australasian Camel Cup to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$1,000
Oodnadatta Racing and Horse Sports Club	- Oodnadatta Gymkhana & Motokhana to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds - Oodnadatta Bronco Branding to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$1,000 \$1,000
Western United Tigers	- 50 Year Celebration to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$5,000
William Creek Gymkhana Inc	- William Creek Bronco Branding to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$3,000
Yunta Race Club Inc	- Yunta Gymkhana & Motorkhana to bring the community together and strengthen social bonds	\$500
Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc	- Heysen Trail Northern Trailhead Rejuvenation Project stone circle gathering area to improve the user experience	\$7,790

Renovations Underway at Heysen Trail's Parachilna Gorge Trailhead

The Heysen Trail is a 1200km hiking route in South Australia that runs from the outback to the sea through some of South Australia's most diverse and breathtaking landscapes, traversing coastal areas, native bushland, rugged gorges, pine forests and vineyards, as well as rich farmland and historic towns. The walk stretches from the northern trailhead at Parachilna Gorge in the picturesque Flinders Ranges, through the Adelaide Hills, to the breathtaking Cape Jervis on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Initiated by the The Friends of the Heysen Trail and supported by the Outback Communities Authority (the Authority), efforts are underway to redevelop the trailhead at Parachilna Gorge. The new trailhead will be a more impressive beginning or end to the whole trail adventure and has been designed to match the rugged landscape around it using local stone, new signage, parking, plantings, and a stone circle for communal gatherings sponsored by the Authority.

Renovations are expected to continue for two months, subject to weather conditions. During this period, safety signage will be installed along the trailhead, along with a small walk-around to ensure the safety and convenience of Heysen Trail users.

Once renovated, the Parachilna Gorge trailhead promises to enrich the Heysen Trail experience, providing visitors with a memorable start or end point to their journey through some of the most scenic parts of South Australia.



Image courtesy of Friends of the Heysen Trail https://heysentrail.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/v168_April_2024_Trailwalker_Updated.pdf