

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



On February 19th the Leigh Creek Area School hosted the annual Swimming Carnival. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by everyone. Both the Hawker and Marree Schools hotly contested the chance to win. A formula was devised to ensure that the point scoring was fair given the varying school numbers. Leigh Creek emerged as the winners. A few dedicated parents kindly cooked the BBQ, and a wonderful event was enjoyed by all. Once the races and events were completed many students took the opportunity to stay on and play with friends.

## COPLEY CRICKET CLUB



The Copley Cricket Club were back in full swing, after the extended break last year, with a home match played against the Hawker team. A well supported match with many folks in town taking the opportunity to watch the game unfold. Copley was triumphant on the day.

# OUT & ABOUT



## Native Plant Workshop

The Copley Community hosted a fantastic native plant workshop under the new veranda at the Copley Hall. Presenter Andrea Tschirner from Quorn taught participants how to select, propagate and care for native plants suited to the arid lands region. The 25 locals who attended had the opportunity to make a number of pots of hardy natives from cuttings to take home. Andrea was extremely generous with sharing her knowledge and experience with the eager group as they asked many questions. The participants also learned about seed collection and germination. Earlier Andrea had been at the Leigh Creek Area School assisting students with the school's useful plants garden. The workshop was part of a regional roadshow delivered by the South Australia Arid Lands Landscape Board.



## Interruption to power supply

Power will be interrupted **Thursday 18 March** between 8.30am and 3pm affecting **Leigh Creek, Copley, Beltana, Nepabunna, Lyndhurst and Puttapa** and surrounds for the safety of our crews undertaking essential maintenance.

To ensure you don't miss any information about power to your property, including updates on this work, we recommend you register for FREE SMS/emails on our website, or at [bit.ly/SMSservice](http://bit.ly/SMSservice)

This work may not proceed in extreme weather or due to unforeseen circumstances. Only customers registered for SMS/emails will receive notification for cancellation.

For tips on what to do during an outage, visit [bit.ly/WhatToDoOutage](http://bit.ly/WhatToDoOutage)

Thank you for your patience while this important work is completed.

For more information, please call 13 12 61 during business hours.



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## Aerodrome Update

The kangaroo proof fence has been completed and inspected. Planning for the resurfacing of the aerodrome runways is underway.

## DOCTOR'S SURGERY & PHARMACY HOURS

### Doctor & Pharmacy

**MONDAY 9am to 4pm (each fortnight)**

(Every second Monday commencing 4th Jan 2021)

Please note that the Pharmacy will only open Mondays when the Doctor is at the surgery.

### Pharmacy Only

**THURSDAY 9am to 12noon (excluding Public Holidays)**

### AFTER HOURS CONTACT:

Contact Leigh Creek Health Service  
(08) 8678 6022

## IGA TRADING HOURS

**Monday to Friday 9.00AM - 5.30PM**

**Saturday 9.30AM - 1.00PM**

# 2021 EVENTS

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

**Friday 12th March - Leigh Creek Auditorium 6.30pm**  
**Country Arts Circus Performance - Casting Off**  
 Book online at [countryarts.org.au](http://countryarts.org.au) or call 08 7009 4400

**Sunday 25th April - Farina**  
**ANZAC Service & Breakfast**  
 For further details <https://farinarestitution.com/?na=v&nk=865-fab5008873&id=35>

**Sunday 25th April - Beltana**  
**ANZAC Service & Breakfast available**  
 See flyer for details

**Saturday 8th May - Beltana Hall 7.30pm**  
 "Unsung" with Amelia Ryan and Libby O'Donovan  
 Free Admission, Supper \$5 Donation, Bar Available  
 Pre-booking only. To book your seat  
<https://prairiehotel.rezdy.com/411138/unsung>

**Friday to Sunday 18 - 20 June - Farina**  
 Weekend events including the official opening of Patterson House, annual Cricket match, Bell Memorial Church Service and a flyover. For further details  
<https://farinarestitution.com/?na=v&nk=865-fab5008873&id=35>

**Sunday 27th June**  
**500 miles of Music - Leigh Creek Town Oval**  
 Further information and ticket bookings can be made through <https://www.moshtix.com.au/v2/event/500-miles-of-music-leigh-creek-kasey-chambers/117427#>

**Wednesday 20th October**  
**Flinders Family Fun Day**  
 Further details to be announced

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

**ANZAC DAY**  
**at Beltana**

**April 25** | Dawn Service 6.30am

followed by a community gathering at the **Beltana Hall**

**Breakfast available**

Bar facilities available | Bush camping is also available

**ALL WELCOME!**

**BELTANA**  
 PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**WANTED**  
**COUNTRY MUSIC FANS**

**LEIGH CREEK**  
**JUNE 27 2021**

TOWN OVAL - GATES OPEN 3PM

**500 Miles of Music**  
 Wombat Flat To William Creek

**KASEY CHAMBERS**

**GINA JEFFREYS**    **TRAVIS COLLINS**  
**AMBER LAWRENCE**    **ROD MCCORMACK**  
**KELLY BROUHAHA**    **BILL CHAMBERS**

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[www.500MILESOFMUSIC.COM](http://www.500MILESOFMUSIC.COM)

**STARCLUB**  
 Club Development Program  
 Back to Basic Workshop

Thursday, 8th April 2021  
 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
 Leigh Creek OCA Office Boardroom

Friday, 9th April 2021  
 10.00am - 12.00pm  
 Copley Community Hall

No cost to participants, bookings are essential.  
 Contact Mark Shirley on 0428 888 076

Course funded by the Outback Communities Authority

Beltana & Parachina Progress Associations present  
 Winners of the Inaugural Frank Ford Commission Adelaide Cabaret Festival 2019

**Amelia Ryan & Libby O'Donovan**

Nostalgic, raucous & loud cabaret

**'UN Sung'**

Celebrating 1960's iconic Australian Women artists who against the odds of their time, graced our pop & rock music scene

**Beltana Hall**  
**8 May 2021**  
**7.30pm**  
 70 MINUTE SHOW

**CAMP GROUND**  
 Available at the Hall

Funded by the Connecting Communities Drought Fund PIRSA

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**SUPPER \$5 DONATION**  
**BAR AVAILABLE**

Limited seats available.  
 Pre-booking only.  
<https://prairiehotel.rezdy.com/411138/unsung> to book your seat!

# LEIGH CREEK TRANSFORMATION

The Leigh Creek Task Force Chair, Paul Case and Project Manager, Vicki Beard, joined the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP and OCA Director, Mark Sutton to meet and talk with community members at the February Community meeting about the transformation plans. The plan's key milestones and schedule to August 2021 was presented and is available on the OCA webpage.

<https://oca.sa.gov.au/LeighCreekTransformation>

An Implementation Committee, a sub-group of the Task Force, has been formed and meets weekly to deliver on the milestones. Delivery updates will be available through community meetings and the transformation webpage. The Implementation Committee also advises the Task Force and the Minister regarding other community proposals. Community proposals can be best supported when there is good detail about how the concept will be sustained into the future. Tracy Neldner, Acting Town Manager OCA is happy to assist community with this.

## Contact information details:

**OCA:** Tracy Neldner 08 8675 2126 email: [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)

**DIT Property:** Peter Thomas 08 8343 2605 email: [DIT.leighcreekproperty@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.leighcreekproperty@sa.gov.au)

**Leigh Creek Task Force:** Vicki Beard, Project Manager 0438 850 059  
email: [leighcreektransformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:leighcreektransformation@sa.gov.au)

**The next Community Conversation will be on Thursday 25th March from 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
in the Leigh Creek auditorium/cinema, all welcome.**



The Outback Resort took the opportunity to organise a "Last Hoorah Pool Party" inviting past residents to come to Leigh Creek and participate in a variety of swimming events, held throughout the weekend. Three intrepid folks completed the 5km freestyle race, and as the photo above shows the pool was looking perfect - dressed for success.

Another past local took the opportunity to celebrate his 40th Birthday in style with bouncy castles for the guests to enjoy.

Happy Birthday Reegan



## Can you assist?

The Outback Communities Authority are compiling a register of historical, cultural and items of significance to be retained. If you know of any items within the Leigh Creek Township that hold particular significance to the community can you please call the OCA office on (08) 8675 2126 to let us know. We are keen to ensure that as Leigh Creek transforms these important community elements are not lost.



## Contact us

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