

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS



## 2022 AND THE RAINS CAME TUMBLING DOWN



Megan and Taryn back at Leigh Creek  
Damien tackling the cleaning up

The start of January has seen a large rainfall event around the region. While the rain was indeed most welcome the large volume has caused some significant damage to roads and the need for a major clean up. An adventurous trip for Ambulance Officer Megan Burt and Leigh Creek Health Nurse Taryn Carey who required a helicopter retrieval with their patient after the Ambulance became bogged near Depot Springs Station. A big thanks to all involved in supporting these guys through the situation.

DM Roads were extremely prompt in their assistance of cleaning up around Leigh Creek particularly near the school where the rock mulch was quite a problem from the creek flooding. Thanks to DM Road's Damien Bowshire for his excellent work with the street sweeper and bucket.



# DELTA CEREMONY AS PROJECT WORKS COMMENCE



Terrance, Beverley, Clint, June and Petar



The Delta Group are now familiar to the Leigh Creek community, with its Adelaide and local based teams based at Leigh Creek for 10 days a fortnight working on the demolition of dilapidated houses in the demolition zones.

On 20 January, Delta's Community Engagement Officer, Clint Wilson (aka Booka) facilitated and led an opening smoking ceremony at Canon Park with Adnyamathanha people.

The Welcome to Country, story of the Yurlu- an extremely important part of Adnyamathanha culture, was delivered by Terry Coulthard and family-Iga Warta, in attendance included community members from

Lyndhurst, Nepabunna, Copley, Beltana, KSJ Consulting and Delta subcontractors.

Local Theresa Brady together with family members organized a BQ banquet for all to enjoy, that helped to make the ceremony proceedings that more special.

**Delta will be one of the presentations at the Community Conversation Meeting on Thursday 10th February, on the COVID processes they have in place for the Leigh Creek and wider community.**

# AUSTRALIAN DAY EVENT HOSTED BY LEIGH CREEK PROGRESS



**The Leigh Creek  
Community Progress  
Association are now  
selling barista  
coffees at the VIO.  
Available  
Monday to Saturday  
between  
8.30am - 11.30am**



## 2022 EVENTS

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

Pfizer and AstraZeneca Vaccination Clinic's at Leigh Creek Health Clinic  
To book an appointment at the next visit call 8668 7470

### **Leigh Creek Community Progress Association Meeting**

Tuesday 8th February at 6.30pm  
at the VIO.

### **Next Community Meeting**

Thursday 10th February 5.30 - 7.30pm  
at the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church

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

# LEIGH CREEK FUTURE TOWNSHIP

## Leigh Creek Task Force Update

The Leigh Creek Task Force and its Implementation Committee have continued to meet regularly throughout December and January to plan, coordinate and deliver on the many activities that are occurring for the Future Township Plan. The Implementation Committee has been advised that Delta has provided a report to DIT on a contractor testing positive for COVID, which involved immediate activation of its COVID Plan including isolation. All contractors have temporarily left Leigh Creek for 8 days and will return on 7 February 2022 following each obtaining a PCR negative test.

**The next Community Conversation about the future township program will be held on Thursday 10th February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church. All welcome.**

At this meeting we aim to set the coming year's meetings session dates, times and format. These sessions are your opportunity to learn more about the status of the demolition, the sales program and future town management, about upcoming activities and ask to questions and be updated on works happening within the township.

The Task Force and Implementation Committee members look forward to speaking with community members at the community meeting and to share the latest updates. Should anyone wish to meet with any Implementation Committee member separately, please call Vicki Beard on 0438850059 or by email to [LeighCreekTransformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:LeighCreekTransformation@sa.gov.au)

Attending will be:

Paul Case, Task Force Independent Chair

Vicki Beard, Task Force Project Manager

Mark Sutton, OCA

Peter Thomas, DIT Property

Special presentations:

Petar Kleut from Delta will provide information on its recent activation of its COVID Plan and answer any questions you may have.

Simon Lambert from McGees Property will provide information on the upcoming open market sales process including how interested people can get involved.



### Contact us

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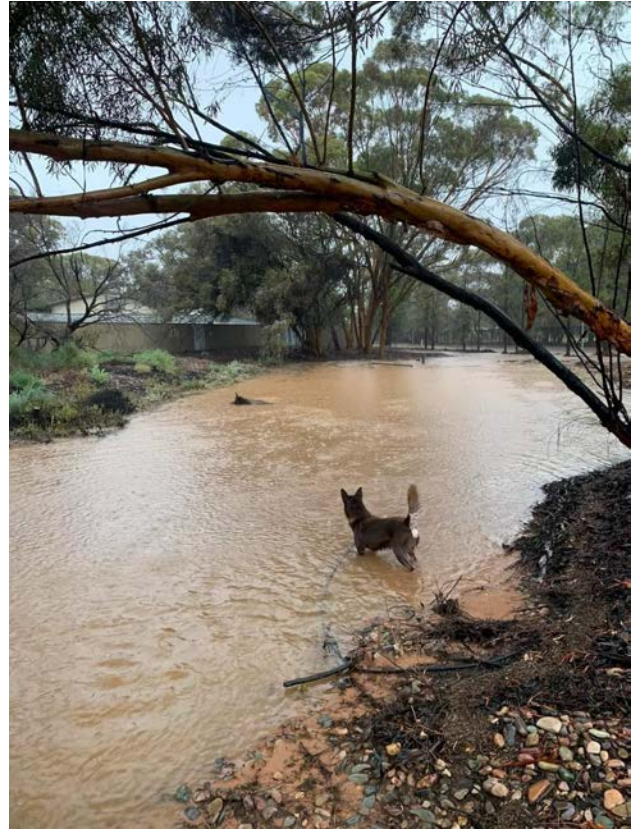
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# PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE REGION

More photos of rain impacts around the region including some before and after shots. Thanks to everyone who assisted in helping to clear pathways particularly Tyson and to those who took some great photos to record the event, Katharine, Meg and Jess. It is times like this when our community spirit shines through.



## Leigh Creek Swimming Pool

The Leigh Creek Swimming Pool has been on the open market for a three month period. Every chance was pursued by McGees to find a buyer however its marketing campaign failed to secure a sale. As the community is aware, if the pool was not sold it will be demolished. The Task Force advises that the swimming pools will be immediately be made safe and then demolished in the coming months.

The Outback Communities Authority is committed to working with the community to identify and explore opportunities for special grant funding to develop a new fit for purpose pool facility as the township transitions to its new future.

## Copley Australia Day Celebrations

The Copley & Districts Progress Association organised an Australia Day Community Dinner with the funding support of the National Australia Day Council. To ensure that the event was COVID-safe, we gave residents the option to enjoy the meal either in the beautifully cool air-conditioned Community Hall or to sit outside under the spacious veranda or to pick up the take-away dinner.

Helen, once again, put on an amazing and generous spread, with the options of tuna mornay, beef stew, spaghetti bolognese or chicken curry. Within a period of an hour, Helen dished up more than 70 meals. And it was yummy!

The decorating of the freshly baked Australia-shaped biscuits was enjoyed by all with an array of colours and creative designs being made and then eaten.

Thank you, OCA, for organising the funding. Thank you to the community for sharing in this lovely Australia Day event.

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