

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS

## Let's talk about the future of Leigh Creek

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) invites your participation in a Community Workshop to discuss the future of Leigh Creek and identify options for an improved township management arrangement for Leigh Creek.

Thank you to everyone who dropped in for a chat with **Jeanette Gellard, Innovative Influences** about the future of Leigh Creek. Unfortunately the Community Workshop had to be rescheduled due to the emergence of COVID in the community.

The new workshop date is:

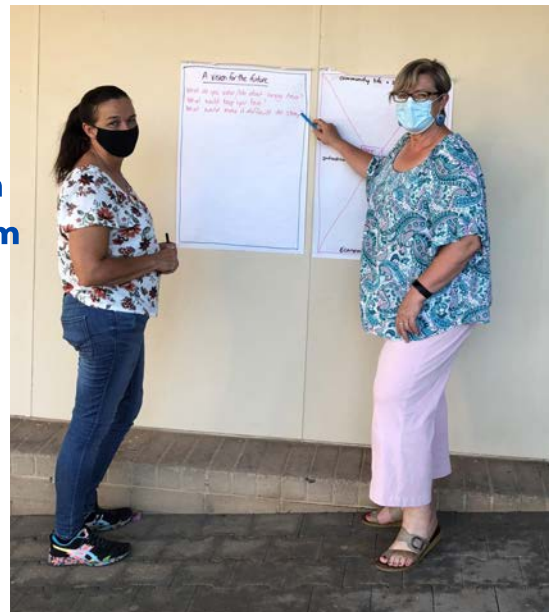
### Workshop Details

**When: 6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesday 23 March**

**Where: Leigh Creek Church – Community Room**

**Light refreshments will be available**

There will also be a number of drop in sessions where you can chat to Jeanette in person when she is here. Jeanette will set up a 'Conversation Corner' in the shopping precinct during her visit so keep an eye out for her.



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.

A list of ideas about what would make Leigh Creek vibrant and sustainable into the future has also been generated at

**<http://www.allourideas.org/LeighCreekFuture>**

You can add your ideas as well as indicating which ideas you prefer most. This will help us better understand where the community's priorities lie.

We look forward to your involvement in one or more of our planned engagement activities.

### Contact us

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# BLACK ROCK BLUE SKY



A new exhibition at Leigh Creek Motors with interpretive boards detailing the history of the Leigh Creek Coalfields



**LEIGH CREEK SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

• Web [www.libraries.sa.gov.au/leighcreek](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au/leighcreek)  
 • Email [library.leighcreek@gmail.com](mailto:library.leighcreek@gmail.com)  
 • Phone / Fax 8675 2803

## Public libraries building SA's digital skills

**beingdigital**

We're making it easy for you to develop your skills and confidence to connect with today's digital world. Learn more about our **being digital** program by visiting [www.libraries.sa.gov.au](http://www.libraries.sa.gov.au) or drop in and see us for one on one assistance.

Each month we can help you access free online webinars which feature a range of common e-safety topics.

**Join the next up-coming webinar on March 1st 9.30-10.30am:**

### STAYING SAFE ON FACEBOOK

- \*What you can do on Facebook
- \*How to take control of your privacy settings
- \*Common scams on Facebook

Can you spot a scam?	Staying safe on FB	Data & public Wi-Fi
Shopping & banking	Protect against scams	Setting safety online
Connecting to others	Smart homes	How to use zoom
Helpful apps	Government websites	

**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

## 2022 Events

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

### Lyndhurst Community Progress Meeting

Friday 11th March at 4.30pm  
 Lyndhurst Town Hall, all welcome

### Closing Down Sale

Saturday 12th March 10am-4pm at Will's Sports Bar. Furniture and household items for sale. Cash only

### Copley Hall Easter Market

Sunday 10th April 10am-4pm  
 To register an interest in having a stall please call Paula (08) 8675 2659

### Livvy and Pete Come To The Flinders

Saturday 14th May 7:30 at Beltana Hall  
 Tickets \$25 at [www.beltana.org.au/shop](http://www.beltana.org.au/shop)

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

## BUS DRIVER POSITION

LEIGH CREEK AREA SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME BUS DRIVER FOR OUR BELTANA ROUTE.

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### Are You...

- a wonderful role model for children
- have basic supervision skills
- have effective communication skills

### Do you have or are you willing to obtain...

- a minimum of a LR (Light Rigid) Licence
- a DHS Working with Children Clearance
- a recent National Police Check for drivers
- a valid Certificate of Fitness (can be done locally)
- An approved Accreditation to drive a school bus?

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE MADE TO MELISSA FERRY ON 08 8675 2062

INTERESTED, BUT DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS?  
 DROP IN FOR A CHAT, WE CAN HELP!



# Leigh Creek *LIBRARY LEGENDS*



This month we are proud to celebrate one of Leigh Creek Library's most devoted patrons, the venerable Talc Alf. Artist, sculptor and passionate linguist and philologist, Alf has been grazing these library shelves for longer than any of us can remember. When asked what he loved so much about the library, he began to unravel the story around his sculpture (pictured left), which is on permanent display in our collection of local art. Alf's interest in the origin of alphabetical characters has generated a fascinating theory that ties in to a deep relationship with the land and early civilisations. Some of the earliest known records of writing often appeared as a pictographic language - a language of pictures representing elements of the landscape, animals related to hunting or ceremonial rites etc.

Alf's sculpture is really visionary, showing how the origin of the word "Australia" (Terra Australis), means "*land toward the golden sunrise*". Each letter in the word Australia has an origin in the deep past and captures the migration of language around the globe. Alf is an honorary Library Legend and we love his informative visits and book discussions. We encourage everyone to visit Talc Alf at his unique Outback Art Gallery situated 2km from Lyndhurst along the Strzelecki track.





# LEIGH CREEK AND NEPABUNNA CFS TRAINING



The Leigh Creek/Copley and Nepabunna CFS brigades took part in three days of firefighting training with the Country Fire Service regional training team. It was a great opportunity for both brigades to meet one another and develop working relationships, while also learning valuable bushfire suppression, response and safety skills.

A big thank you to Tappy, Tim and Rosko for providing the training course and materials and to the Nepabunna community for hosting the course and Leigh Creek/Copley trainees.

If you are interested in joining the Leigh Creek/Copley brigade please talk to brigade captain Jimmy at the Copley Bakery.



## **Pictured above**

The Leigh Creek/Copley and Nepabunna brigades with trainers Tim and Rosko

Bushfire line suppression drill

## **Pictured right**

Kim and George inspecting the crew deck





# A Flutter in the Library

By: The Leigh Creek Area School Students

**Beautiful Butterflies Have Landed In Leigh Creek.**



*The Lesser Wanderer Butterfly is a star attraction at the Leigh Creek Library's Newest Display.*

The library has always been a fun place to be with books, computers and puzzles. But this year there is an awesome new development- butterflies!

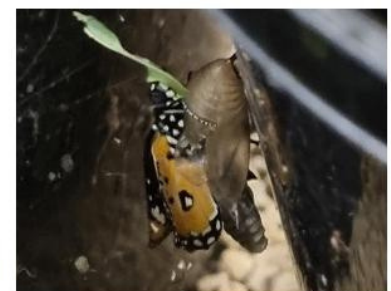
The library has created a beautiful and interactive micro-habitat for the native Lesser Wanderer butterfly.

This habitat also includes various other creatures such as aphids and ladybeetles. This is to mimic a more natural

environment for the caterpillars and gives us more to observe in the foliage.

The caterpillars for the display have been sourced by local butterfly guru Ron, who has also supplied the foodplant for these hungry caterpillars as they have a very select diet.

This beautiful display is able to show the lesser wanderer in all stages of development.







This butterfly display has certainly caused a stir amongst the students of Leigh Creek Area School.

Students have been encouraged to interact with the display as much as they can and so can be seen regularly marvelling at the changes that can be observed from day to day.

The students have been delighted to see and learn so much about butterflies and other insects in a hands-on way.



The students have also been learning through recording their observations of the butterfly display and reading the books the library has thoughtfully provided.

This display is accessible to all and the staff and students of the school highly encourage everyone to come take a look before the display is over.

Keep a look out too! Lesser Wanderer butterflies have been seen flying around Copley and Leigh Creek area.

## Voices on the Street

*"I like how the caterpillars walk around the room and then turn into butterflies,"*  
Chendelle, Grade 3.

*"I think the display provides a beautiful investigative experience for all of the students,"*  
Nadine, Primary Teacher.

*"I like the butterflies flying around,"*  
Olivia, Grade 2.

*"The butterflies in the library have been an exciting way to see life cycles of insects up close and personal,"*  
Evie, Secondary Teacher.

*"I like when the butterflies open their wings,"*  
Kitara, Grade 2.

*"If you want to see the butterflies yourself just come to the LCAS Library and you can ask the Librarians what you can do if you want to help,"*  
Aurelius, Grade 6.

*"I like that they land on my hand,"*  
Zaire, Grade 3.

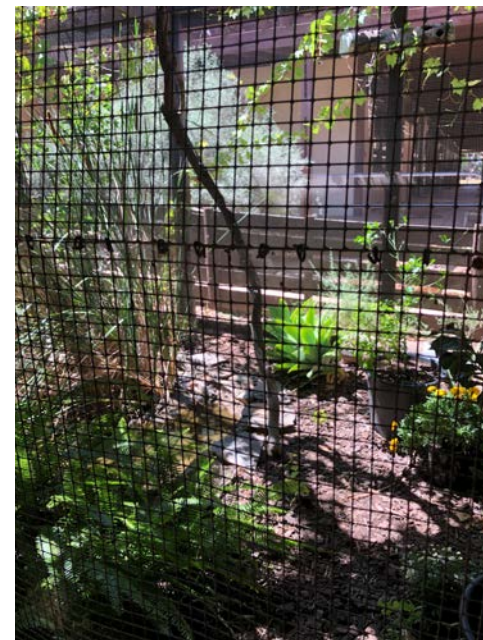
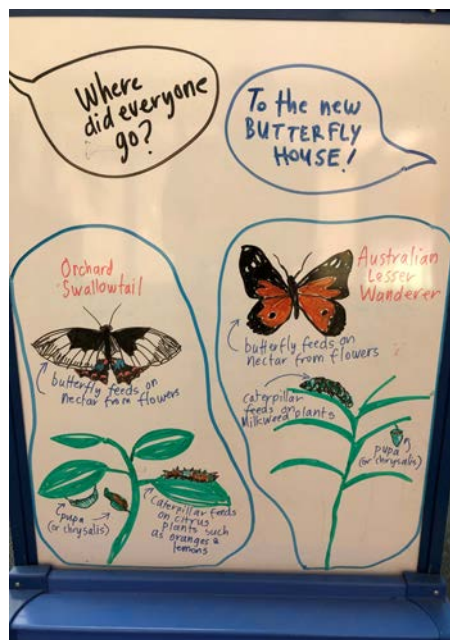
*"It creates an environment where we can observe the Butterflies in close contact. We can watch them undergo the process of metamorphosis,"*  
Jen, Librarian.



## More photos from out and about



Photos from the February Community Conversation including presenters Mark Sutton, Petar Kleut and Paul Case, the school library interactive habitat created and new Butterfly House





# LEIGH CREEK FUTURE TOWNSHIP

## Leigh Creek Transformation update

The best source of up to date information is the OCA dedicated transformation webpage <https://www.oca.sa.gov.au/communities/leigh-creek-transformation> including local works opportunities, previous presentation slides and the high-level schedule of transformation milestones calendar.

The Leigh Creek Task Force and its Implementation Committee have continued to meet regularly throughout February to plan, coordinate and deliver on the many activities that are occurring for the Future Township Plan, and to meet the scheduled milestones.

The meeting on 10 February was well attended and participation was valued. Paul Case, Task Force Independent Chair provided a comprehensive update on all of the activities that are in progress and that are in planning for the Future Township. Vicki Beard, Project Manager provided the scheduled milestones up to June 2022 (see OCA web page). Mark Sutton provided an overview of the 'Let's Talk About the Future of Leigh Creek', community engagement program that is detailed on the front page. Peter Thomas, DIT Property provided a detailed update of the sales and rental process. There was good discussion with those attending about many matters of interest including about the swimming pool closure and the upcoming open market sales process.

Also presenting were Simon Lambert from McGees Property updating on the sales process and the Delta Group providing an update on the demolition program and to explain how they safely managed a positive COVID case in late January.

### Property sales update

A major milestone was achieved in the residential sales process at the end of February with the first of the Form 1's issued to house purchasers. The remainder of the Form 1's will continue to be issued throughout March where sales contracts have been returned. Any questions should be directed to your conveyancer or legal representative.

### Community Corporation Meeting

DIT Property has appointed ACE Body Corporate as the Corporation Managers for each of the three Community Schemes (2 x residential flat groups and 1 x commercial town centre precinct) and they will visit Leigh Creek on 17 March 2022.

DIT Property is holding a meeting between 5:00 - 6:00 pm, 17 March 2022, at the church building to introduce the Corporations Managers, who will also be in attendance to advise purchasers as to their rights and obligations around buying a community titled property, and how they are administered. This meeting is intended for flat purchasers or town centre commercial property purchasers only. Simon Lambert, McGees Property, will also discuss Form 1 obligations at the meeting and the process towards settlement.

### Open Market Sales Process

Available property will be marketed for sale from Tuesday 8 March 2022 posted online and in the Advertiser newspaper. Simon Lambert, McGees Property, expects to conduct open inspections for property going to market 18 & 19th March 2022.

## Community Conversation

The next Community Conversation about the future township program will be held on Thursday 21st April from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Leigh Creek Good Shepherd Church. All welcome.

The schedule for 2022 meetings can be found on the OCA website transformation webpage.