

# LEIGH CREEK NEWS

## AKURRA TRAIL UPDATE

### Nangga! Welcome!

The Akurra Trail




**Ngarapanha Sturt's Desert Pea**

Nangga! Wardu nhuda yanaangga yarta inharu. Wadu yura apinha anhamathanha ikaangga arri ikanda wardu watya. Ngaripurla-ru yarta wardu nharanharakadna. Yuni ngathikadna wardu watya ilakadna wardu watya ngaripurla-ru vani ngaralakanha Muda yarta. Ngaripurla alda-alda inhanga nakuathu nhudanha, yarta alda-alda.

hello and welcome. It is good to see you all here. We would like you to acknowledge the Aboriginal people of this land, past and present. This land is sacred to my people and our first generations, so please respect it. Welcome to our history and important towns of Country and learn from them. We are happy to welcome you to our land, and the land is pleased to welcome you. (George Mackay Year 11 student English Creek Area School, 2019)

The Akurra trail explores the rich Adnyamathanha cultural history of Leigh Creek. The walk begins here, visits the western edge of Anuptha Awa (Aboriginal Dohi), and ends back here. Follow the markers to find your way along the Akurra creek track.

**Advice to users**

It is strongly advised that users do not undertake any activities on the trail without reading maps and accompanying information. The Akurra trail is approximately 10.5km return and is a 4-hour return trip, depending on fitness. However, that you are responsible for your own safety.

- Inform a responsible person where you are going and what time you will finish.
- Bring 8 litres of water per person per hour of trail use.
- Wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and sun protection.
- Do not attempt the trail on days when the weather is forecast at 30° or above.
- Wear a hat, gloves, and/or a sun umbrella. It is recommended to bring a satellite phone with you.
- Be cautious of snakes, sheep, animals, and ticks in the area.
- Do not break off twigs, due to safety and nature reasons.
- It is not recommended to use any of the bush tucker identified on the trail.
- Do not remove any artefacts or objects in the bush, Adnyamathanha culture.

We recommend a tour with an Adnyamathanha guide for a richer experience. Visit <https://mookalingapitjara.com.au/en-english/> for more information.

In case of an emergency call 000

The Akurra Trail interpretive signs have been ordered and look amazing. This whole process has taken considerable time but as you can see the final design demonstrates the wonderful collaborative effort for what will be a wonderful walking trail for the region.

Together Rosalie Richards and other traditional custodians have ensured that the Adnyamathanha language and information is correct, and have gained the required cultural clearances. Further work has been then undertaken by the Mobile Language Team at Adelaide University on content and in working with a graphic designer, with the outcome of these beautiful signs.

### Warlda / Summer

(November – March)






**Mirnga Prickly Wattle (Elegant Wattle)**

Mirnga ngurto wardu watya ngakngakalinda warlda-ngala. Mirnga gum tastes nice and juicy in summer.

We eat gum straight from the mirnga bush or soak it in water to make a fizzy drink. The leaves can be eaten with honey. The seeds are ground to make damper or mixed with water to make a paste which is fed to baby children so that their bones grow strong. You can rub the paste onto babies' gums when they are teething.

**Minara Bullock Bush**

Vukarra ngutlinda minara mai malya-minya. When the north wind blows, the minara fruit are ripening.

This plant is culturally important to the Adnyamathanha as it is an edible honey food associated with the land of the Adnyamathanha country. In order to gather these small red fruits, the bees are shaken to make the fruit fall to the ground.

**Maiaka Bush Banana**

Maiaka ngama wardu paanyina. The maiaka milk will help cure your body.

The seed produces a sweet, crisp fruit and white blossoms which are both edible. Part of the root is reportedly not to be cooked on the fire, but the Adnyamathanha make sure to leave a part of the root to grow. Maiaka juice is used to treat wounds, other ailments, and is given in great abundance.

**Iga Native Orange**

Wardu urikanyi yawinda iga malya-minya. Summer is coming when the north wind blows to ripen the Iga fruit. The Iga is a significant tree and it represents the Adnyamathanha people. It is said that the Adnyamathanha can turn into an Iga tree to hide and avoid danger.

The next step is to install the Way Markers, once the weather cools the Progress Association are keen to gather volunteers to assist with this. If you would like to help please call Joanne on 8675 2126 to register your interest, all assistance will be gratefully received.

Don't forget to visit the Leigh Creek website: <https://visitleighcreek.com.au/>



### Udilhi / Winter

(May – August)






**Vada Dead Finch**

Akalya yidharnganyu warratyi. The birds are scarce in winter. The birds are scarce for a long time. A seasonal bird.

**Warratyi Emu**

Warratyi nganyu warratyi. The emu is the largest bird in the world. The emu is the largest bird in the world. The emu is the largest bird in the world.


**Yurlu Red backed Kingfisher**

Warratyi nganyu warratyi. The kingfisher is a small bird. The kingfisher is a small bird. The kingfisher is a small bird.

**Mardhiyi Artunayi Oriya and The Seven Sisters**

Warratyi nganyu warratyi. The seven sisters are a group of stars. The seven sisters are a group of stars. The seven sisters are a group of stars.

### Yurlu Muda, Yurlu History



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# OUT & ABOUT IN LEIGH CREEK

## School Activities - all set

The Rage Cage work has been completed over the summer break at the school and looks amazing. A Rage Cage is an all ages, all-in-one permanent outdoor sport and recreational complex that is designed to incorporate over ten of the most popular Australian and International sports.



The combined Leigh Creek & Copley Progress Associations Pool Party was a tremendous success, sponsored by Leigh Creek Energy who very capably cooked a delicious BBQ, the Outback Resort and the OCA.

Santa made an appearance with a gift for every child, an amazing effort despite the heat and need to work within COVID restrictions.

A huge thank you from the 80 locals who attended to both Progress Associations for all your efforts and to the sponsors.



Building the new fence at the Leigh Creek Aerodrome - now completed



## 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

## RFDS DENTAL SERVICE

### Next Visit

The RFDS Dental Service are scheduled for their next visit to the Leigh Creek Health Service in February 23/24/25.

### Contact

To make an appointment please contact the Leigh Creek Clinic on (08) 8678 6022 with your name and a contact number, the dental service will then contact you with an appointment time.



# 2021 EVENTS

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

**Saturday 27th February - Copley Oval  
Copley Cricket Club Home Game**

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

**Sunday 25th April - Farina  
ANZAC Service & Breakfast**

For further details <https://farinarestoreation.com/?na=v&nk=865-fab5008873&id=35>

**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://farinarestoreation.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



A memento from the South Australian Film Corporation from the filming of Gold with Zac Efron. We will watch to see where it finally is placed.

Below is a photo from Adelaidenow of the crew filming on site, an Outback experience for all.



# LEIGH CREEK TRANSFORMATION

A Leigh Creek Task Force Implementation Committee, which is part of the Leigh Creek Task Force, has been established to coordinate and monitor the progress of the transformation. The Committee which involves the Task Force Chair and Project Manager and representatives from DIT Property, DIT Building Projects, OCA, SA Water, the Office of the Industry Advocate and SA Health meets at least weekly and will provide updated information to community through the OCA and will also report through the Task Force to the Minister for Energy and Mining.

The Implementation Committee is preparing a transformation roadmap for the community which will provide guidance on transformation activities and timelines. The planning for tenders and appointment of the major contractors is on track and well in progress.

The OCA, in discussion with the Leigh Creek Community Progress Association and other nearby communities, will schedule regular community engagement meetings to update progress on the transformation and understand community issues. The OCA webpage will be regularly updated regarding the upcoming meeting details. <https://oca.sa.gov.au/LeighCreekTransformation>

Contact details and information will be updated and provided on the OCA webpage, in the newsletters and at the regular community meetings to enable individuals to ask questions and to raise any concerns. A dedicated email address [leighcreektransformation@sa.gov.au](mailto:leighcreektransformation@sa.gov.au) is also available for individuals to ask questions, or provide feedback to the Leigh Creek Task Force. Your email may be forwarded to the appropriate Implementation Committee member for further actioning, in these cases the status of your response will be monitored by the Task Force Project Manager.

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 February from 5.30pm - 7.30pm in the Leigh Creek auditorium/cinema, all welcome.**

The OCA will ensure that there is a good feedback loop that flows information between the community and Implementation Committee. The Leigh Creek Township FAQs will be regularly updated as information becomes available.

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

### Property Values

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport's (DIT) Property Division has appointed an independent property valuer on 27.01.21. A timeline and process for property valuations will now be established, and this information will be provided in the next community update, as well as on the OCA webpage.

### Correspondence

DIT Property Division are currently collating the returned forms regarding tenant expression of interests in their property, to purchase or rental. Completed forms can be sent to [DIT.L LeighCreekProperty@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.L LeighCreekProperty@sa.gov.au). If you require assistance to send this form electronically the OCA Office is able to help with this. Please note that this form is to provide a non binding expression of interest only and is not a contract of sale.

### Next Scheduled Visit

DIT Property staff are scheduled to be in Leigh Creek on February 10/11. Should you have any property concerns that you would like to discuss in the meantime, or on that visit, please call Peter Thomas on 08 8343 2605 or email [DIT.leighcreekproperty@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.leighcreekproperty@sa.gov.au)

Our OCA team are happy to make an appointment for you to meet with DIT's staff while they are in Leigh Creek.



### Contact us

Outback Communities Authority  
- Leigh Creek Office

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Phone: (08) 8675 2126