

News at Bendleby Ranges



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More Rain!!!

During the months October, November and December, we have received 70-120 mm rain varying over the property. With mild temperatures,

a nice green tinge has developed over the land and will result in feed that will last for the next 6-8 months.

Awards

After winning the gold medal in 2007, this year we received a silver medal from the South Australian Tourism Commission, in the Adventure category.. Also, we received a special commendation in the Tourism category at the SA Great Awards Flinders & Outback regional

awards. Congratulations to Maggie's Rendezvous who were the winners for the SA Great Small Business Award 2008, and Blacksmith's Chatter who received a special commendation. Orroroo nearly scooped the pools at this Awards night.— great effort from the Orroroo Carrieton District.

FOUND!

Bill was found on the long weekend in October, by an enthusiastic family. He was brought in to camp at The Oval overnight and is now out and about again.



In the meantime, because we were unsure of his whereabouts, we brought *Betsy* in to help look for him.

Betsy is a very pretty pink and purple gnome. She also spent the night in a camp at The Oval, but not the same camp as Bill. She has proceeded to look for Bill, so if anyone spots either of them, please let us know, and also feel free to move them.

Filming

A French film crew from a TV show 'Echappées Belles' which means, 'Beautiful Escape' in English was here on Tuesday 9th December, filming us shearing, crutching and mustering.

The French TV program is an equivalent to the show *Getaway*. This will go well with the newly released film 'Australia.'

As well as the French Film Crew, we also had the South Australian show *Postcards* filmed here and around Johnburgh in October. **Watch out for *Postcards* during March and April—this area will feature in 2 of their shows.**



Sophie Jovillard, host of Echappées Belles



Filming!



The winners, family and friends from Orroroo at the SA Great Flinders & Outback Awards held in Port Augusta on 19th November.



Orroroo Reservoir is full!!


Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year


Shopping Locally

We suggest you try some of our local produce when you visit. Why not ring ahead, and order some meat (kangaroo or steak) to collect on your way here? Be sure to have a coffee at Maggie's (the award winning coffee shop in Orroroo) during your stay, or on your way home. Their contact details and opening times are listed below.

Maggie's Rendezvous for coffee, cake and meals

Open 10am-5pm every day
Closed 25th December-5th January
8658 1482

Orroroo Meat Co for very tender cuts of meat

Open 9.00-5.30 Monday-Friday
9.00-11.30 Saturday morning
8658 1046

Dews Meats for 'Bendleby Beef' (kangaroo)

Open 7.00-5.00 Monday-Friday
8658 1063

Carrieton Rodeo

On the 27th December, the annual Carrieton Rodeo will provide great entertainment and an enjoyable night out. Come along and see the locals in action!



Next G Service

We now have a base aerial and several adaptors for Next G mobile phones at The Office, for your use.



Events in the Region

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| ★ | December | ★ |
| ★ | 24th | Orroroo Christmas Pageant |
| ★ | 25th | Christmas |
| ★ | 26th | Boxing Day |
| ★ | 27th | Carrieton Rodeo |
| ★ | January | ★ |
| ★ | 22-25 | Star Party Down Under-Arkaroola |
| ★ | March | ★ |
| ★ | 27-29 | Bundaleer Forest Weekend |
| ★ | April | ★ |
| ★ | 17-26 | Tastes of the Outback |
| ★ | 4th-6th | Laura Folk Fair |
| ★ | First Sunday of Every month | Jamestown Producers' Market |
| ★ | Third Sunday of Every Month | Wirrabara Producers' Market |



Farm and Family News

Jane and Warren's Grandson Darcy is growing well and is very active. They are going to visit their other two grandsons in Sydney for a couple of days in the New Year.



Kylie and Charlie at their work Christmas party.

Charlie and Kylie are still working in Karratha and are pictured here at a work Christmas Party.

Rex the wonder dog is now working hard while we are crutching the sheep so they don't get fly blown.



Native Grass Planting

Luke Ellery is now back after working at Camp USA teaching mostly water skiing, and then backpacking through Europe, visiting some of our previous exchange students, and having a huge adventure.

Bridget has settled well and loves her job at Clare with 4 friends coming to visit her from Holland, where she stayed last year. Her host brother, Laurens, joined in for seeding where he swapped stories of their 40 acre farm.

Speaking of cropping, optimistically Ian and Damian sowed 3,500 acres of wheat, barley and oats on perfect opening rains in

April, and basically it never rained again until we had started to harvest.

Damian, now nearly 21, loves farming and has kept Ian and Sue focused, as he comes up with different farming schemes. After freaky summer thunderstorm rains the boys jumped on their boards and skied behind the farm ute!

Ian and Sue have now had over 60mm (2.5") in 2 weeks on their Morchard property, the paddocks are green, the hops are flowering and they are hopeful for germination of native grasses.



Having fun after the rain in the paddock!

Remember, Enjoy your Christmas Break