

News at Bendleby Ranges



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Have we had some floods?

You may have noticed that all the creeks have run recently. We have had some heavy, but patchy, rain, and most of the dams have water in them. Some properties south of Johnburgh experienced the biggest floods they have ever seen, and have lost large amounts of fencing.

Fortunately, the rain was lighter here and we will only have to replace about 2 km of fence.

Goats in the yards!

Last weekend we had a quick muster along the foothills of the Hungry Range and brought in 50 goats to the yards near the Shearing Shed. They will be going to Truro next week, so have a look at them when you get a chance.

We are also hoping to trap some more goats at the start of Hidden Valley where we have put in a yard to catch them. We have made water available inside the yard so that the goats are used to walking into the area. There is a special gate attached that will let them in, but not out.

This is all part of the plan to decrease the numbers of goats in the hills, as they can cause quite a bit of damage if their numbers are allowed to increase.

Fly In Packages



Bendleby Ranges will soon be offering some fly in packages for people with small and recreational aircraft. You will see the wind sock on the 900m airstrip close to the Shearers' Quarters.

We have purchased a Jabiru recreational aircraft of our own which will be used for mustering sheep, as well as short holidays. Warren has had a Private Pilot's Licence for many years, and is now being endorsed into the Jabiru.

Bendleby Beef

Our local kangaroo meat processor, Dew's Meats, has given us some BBQ packages for you to try. If you would like to order some to take home, ask for an order form at the Office.

Yuruga Hill

If you're looking for something new, ask Warren about the 4WD track he has made in the Hungry Range.

Souvenirs

We have some **stubbie holders, caps, beanies and Kathmandu tops** for sale at the office.

We also have some **fly nets** if you are having trouble keeping your face free of flies..

4WD Tracks

When you are going to drive in the Hungry Range remember to sign in and sign out.

Over the Easter break, the following tracks will be one way:

- Kokoda trail (W-E only)
- Link Track (E-W only)
- Billy Goat Track (up only)
- Ridge Top (down only)

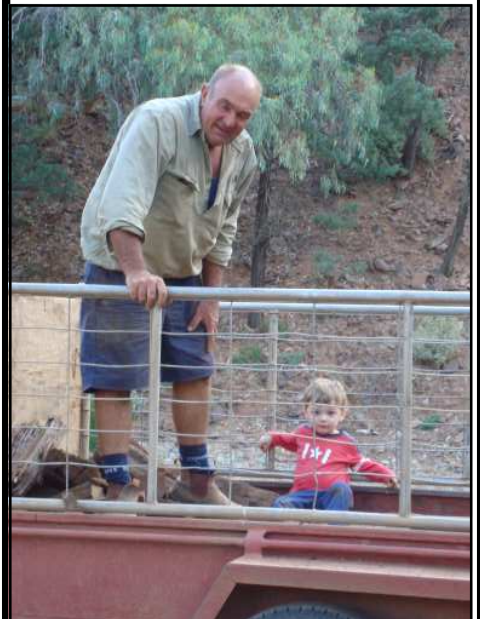
We ask you to make a booking for your group to travel in the Hungry Range, so vehicles leave at intervals of half an hour. This makes the journey more pleasant, allowing groups to travel at their own pace.

Recycling

There is a rubbish trailer, and a bottle and can recycling area near the camp showers. Please make use of these facilities on your way to the showers, or on your way out.

Family News

We have been babysitting our grandson, Darcy, this week. He has been helping Pop put more wood at the campsites, using the laid back method..



We were very pleased when Kylie van Boekel and Charlie announced their engagement in January. They are living in Dampier and working on the Pluto gas project near Karratha. They have started planning a wedding in the Clare Valley in October.



More Awards

Bendleby Ranges were winners of the Sustainability Award in the SA Great Awards in the Mid North region for 2009.

We also won the Adventure category of the SA Tourism Awards for 2009.



Tour Up Over

Load up bikes for all the family and join us for two days of mountain bike fun, adventure and excitement at the annual Southern Flinders Ranges "Tour Up Over" on 10th and 11th July.

We are holding a 100km timed event on Saturday 10th (including shorter rides), as well as the Dirt Criterium on Sunday 11th and there will be events for all the family. Check out our website at www.bendlebyranges.com for more details.

Bill & Betsy



While you are driving around keep an eye out for Bill and Betsy, the gnomes. Betsy was last spotted at the top of one of the drives in the Hungry Range. We haven't seen Bill for a long time, and suspect he may have had an accident.

If you find one of them, move them to a new place for someone else to find and let us know at

the Office, so we can keep track of their movements.

Products available

We have beanies and scarves, stubby holders, caps, pens and history books for sale at the Office. If you would like a memento of your weekend, call in and check them out.

Orroroo VIC

The District Council of Orroroo Carrieton have recently opened a Visitor Information Centre in the main street near the bakery. If you are looking for more information regarding the region, suggested day trips around the area, or things to do in Orroroo, drop in when you are next in Orroroo.

Don't forget:

- Credit Card facilities now available for payment
- NextG adaptors at the Office to give a better signal for your mobile phone.

Fuel

If you need fuel over the weekend Pro Motors in Orroroo will open for you. The contact phone number is 0428 581 262.

Building progress

The transformation of the building at The Oval into a camp kitchen/entertainment area/conference room with extra showers and toilets, is progressing. We have a tiler coming after Easter to lay tiles throughout.

We plan on having the building available for the *Tour Up Over* in July.

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 Wednesday to Sunday

Open all long weekends & school holidays

Dews Meats

for 'Bendleby Beef' (kangaroo)

Open 7.00-5.00 Monday-Friday

8658 1063

Orroroo Meat Co

for very tender cuts of meat

Open 9.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

9.00-11.30 Saturday morning

8658 1046

Orroroo Hardware

for last minute camping supplies, eg tent pegs,

Open 9.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

9.00-11.00 Saturday morning 8658 1202

Events in the Region

April

10 & 11
25

Laura Folk Fair
Rhythms & Wool Bales—Nic Parnell, at
Blacksmith's Chatter, Orroroo

16-18

Rock the Mount—Lee Kernighan, Melrose

June

11-14

Fat Tyre Festival, Melrose

July

10 & 11

Tour Up Over, Bendleby Ranges

First Sunday of Every month

Jamestown
Producers' Market

Third Sunday of Every Month

Wirrabara
Producers' Market

Pichi Richi Railways

Check the train times at the Office.



Happy Easter