

News at Bendleby Ranges



Bendleby,
via ORROROO. SA 5431

Bendleby Bunyip

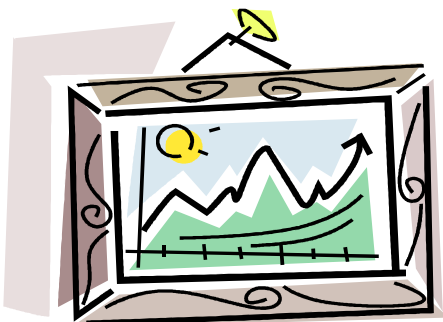
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WINNER

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Recent weather



Did you know that the temperatures recorded in Adelaide over the last couple of weeks have been hotter than here? It is unusual, but when heading north, it is sometimes a good idea to check the expected temperatures on the internet before you leave. The link below will give you a long range forecast, or alternatively go to www.eldersweather.com.au and type in the town name (Hawker is usually the closest in temperature to here).

www.eldersweather.com.au/local.jsp?lt=ploc&lc=13504

New Maps

We have spent some time with a Cartographer preparing new maps for you. We hope they are easy to read, and give you some good information. On the back of each Range map (Bendleby and Hungry) there is information about each track. This will help you when planning your day's driving.

Three walking trails are also highlighted, and listed on the back of the maps.

Don't hesitate to ask us if you would like

some more information on the walking trails and 4WD tracks.

New Tracks

Warren has opened up two new tracks in the Hungry Ranges for added driving. They are the Front and Back Tracks which can be done as a circuit. The Back Track takes you through heavily wooded areas with an abundance of bird life and the Front Track offers great views of local plains.

Track changes this weekend

As there are a combination of mountain bikes and 4WDs on the tracks this weekend, we ask that some of the tracks be ridden and driven one way. They are:

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



Adelaide Caravan & Camping Show

We shared a stand at both the Adelaide C&C Show with the Quorn Adventure group and also worked on the Flinders Ranges & Outback stand. We were also present at the Winners' Stand at the AFTA Expo in early February. You may have seen us there. There is an increasing amount of interest in visiting the Flinders Ranges.



We wish everyone a
**Happy Easter and a great
family weekend.**

Jane & Warren, Ian & Sue, and families

Bill, the Bunyip was seen around Riverbend recently. We have heard that he is keeping company with a certain egg carrying, long fluffy eared hopping individual. So keep alert!



National Tourism Awards

Ian and Sue, and Warren and Jane attended the National Tourism Awards in Canberra on 29th February. The evening was hosted by Andrew Daddo, and SA had a very strong (and rowdy) representation. Unfortunately we were not winners this time, but maybe next time....



Holiday—Ian and Sue

Sue and Ian took the opportunity of having a holiday after the National Awards, and have just returned from travelling through Victoria and back home via the Great Ocean Road. This is their first holiday for many years, and it has given them time to be tourists themselves.

Bridget's Back

Bridget's back from 12 months in the Netherlands, and has started work at the Clare Medical Centre 3 days a week, gradually taking on extra days as staff go on leave.

Charlie & Kylie have gone!

Charlie and Kylie, whom you may have seen in the past, are working in Karratha in WA, on the gas pipeline. They have set themselves some goals they would like to achieve before returning to life in the Flinders Ranges.

Camp Fire Cooking

If you are looking for something different to try, we have some kangaroo fillets from our local processor, Dew's Meats. They have been prepared in the following flavours:

- peppered steak
- red wine and garlic
- Bbq
- herb, chilli and garlic
- sundried tomato and roasted garlic

Inquire at the Office if you interested in trying some of the local product.



KANGAROO STEAKS

Recommended cooking method (Dew's Meats)

Heat up your pan or BBQ plate and drizzle with olive oil. Cook as you would for a beef steak—medium to rare, and you will win every time.

For an alternative method, see Warren.

Climate Change

What do you think? Did you see the recent TV program 4 Corners, which was about farmers and their future? It seems that we will be having a declining number of pastoralists and farmers, as some families make the decision to leave the land. As you can see, we think climate change is real, and are trying to adopt new practices to cope with the decline in rainfall.

Events in the Region

March

29, 30 Booleroo Steam & Traction Rally

April

5, 6 Laura Folk Fair

6 Lions Club Annual Auction, Orroroo

18-27 Tastes of the Outback

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April

18-20 Rock the Mount with Lee Kernaghan, James Blundell and the Songbirds & Remarkable Ute Muster, Melrose

Sun 20 A Sunday with E-Type Jazz, Woolshed Restaurant, Rawnsley Park Station

Sun 20 Wirrabara Producers' Market—Camp Oven Burn Out

Sat 26 Flinders Ranges Bush Festival—bush food and native plants—Quorn

Sat 26 Rhythms & Woolbales—Concert artist Nick Parnell—Blacksmith's Chatter, Orroroo

Sun 27 Bush Opera—Old Wilpena Homestead

Sun 27 Wild Board Weekend @ Stone Hut—Irish Band Finnagain

