

News at Bendleby Ranges



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It will be a cool weekend

The weather has cooled down in the last week, following 2" (50mm) rain. There is a green tinge everywhere, and if you're lucky, you may even find some mushrooms.

All the creeks from Orroroo to here have had water in them, but it doesn't last very long—just a few hours.

Everyone's here!

This weekend we have 4WDers, bushwalkers, horse trail riders and mountain bikers on the tracks. Please look out for, and give consideration to, one another.

Would you like to watch sheep being shorn?

If you would like to watch our shearer, Andrew Tapscott, and rouseabout Natalie (wife), will start shearing at 8 am on Saturday morning.

Please feel free to drop in, watch and take some photos.

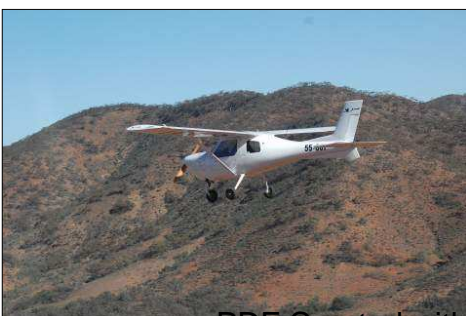
New Bike Track

We have a new track for cyclists and bushwalkers, which travels from Solly's Wells to The Springs. There is a rest area at the Solly's Well end, and also on the North-South Ridge near the stone cairn.

This track is classified as Easy, but it has some harder additional options, for those who would like something a bit more challenging.

Filming Fly Ins

Discover (Channel 7) recently filmed here for our new fly-in package, and the show will be aired on 26th June. If you're home on the Saturday evening at 5.30 pm, tune in.



Emu Eggs



Recently, a family found a deserted emu's nest in the Hungry Range. Keep a lookout for them as you drive along the tracks.

The photo is now on a website run by Tourism Australia to promote holiday experiences in Australia. The website is www.nothinglikeaustralia.com.

Another photo taken by one of our visitors can be seen by entering image number 29323 at the above website. Add a photo of your own—it's a competition.

Videos, Facebook, YouTube

Have you visited our website lately? There is a great video done by a visitor on the home page.

We now have a Facebook page for Bendleby Ranges. Feel free to visit, become a fan, and post some photos and feedback on the wall.

Soon there will be a video on YouTube of Sarah Holmes (Australian National MTB Championships U23 silver medallist). She has tried out some of the mountain bike tracks, and is promoting the *Tour Up Over* for us.

Souvenirs

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

Fuel

If you need fuel over the weekend Pro Motors in Orroroo will open for you.

Call at the Office for the contact phone number.

4WD Tracks

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

Over the June long weekend 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.

COME AND JOIN US

for an evening of

60's-80's music

with local band

Four On The Floor

around the bonfire at the
Woolshed at The Springs

SUNDAY, 13TH JUNE

7.30 PM-9.00 PM

to be followed by a supper of

Tea /Coffee & Scones

BYO Chairs & Drinks

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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



At last, someone found Bill. We thought he had turned up his toes, and we would have to find someone younger for Betsy. Keep your eyes open for him (somewhere near Gumdale). Betsy has been very active, moving around regularly on weekends.

If you find either gnome, 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.

Building progress

Check out the progress on the building at The Oval. The floors have been tiled, the decking is down, partitions are being put in for the toilets and showers, the electric work is nearly complete and the stainless steel benches and gas stoves, are all in place. There's still lots to do—mostly plumbing, and finishing the roofing.

The official opening will be performed by Dan van Holst Pellekaan, MP, at 5.30 pm on 10th July during the *Tour Up Over*.

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.

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.

Don't forget:

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



Family News

Nic, Greg and Darcy have just visited North Tuppal Station at Tocumwal in NSW for a re-enactment of the *Shearing of the Rams*. 1,500 school children watched on the first day, then 15,000 people the next day. Greg shored some of the 6,000 sheep with the blade shears.

Charlie & Kylie have just bought a house near Armagh (west of Clare) where they plan to live in the future.

Shopping Locally

We suggest you try some of our local produce when you visit.

Maggie's Rendezvous

for coffee, cake and meals

Open 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday

Open all long weekends & school holidays

Dews Meats—8658 1063

for 'Bendleby Beef' (kangaroo)

Open 7.00-5.00 Monday-Friday

Orroroo Meat Co—8658 1046

for very tender cuts of meat

Open 9.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

9.00-11.30 Saturday morning

Orroroo Hardware—8658 1202

for last minute camping supplies, eg tent pegs,

Open 9.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

9.00-11.00 Saturday morning

Events in the Region

June

8-12

Outback Epic—mountain bike ride

11-14

Melrose Fat Tyre Festival

12

Quorn Cup

13

Hammond Trash & Treasure

14

July

10 & 11

Tour Up Over, Bendleby Ranges

1st Sunday

Jamestown Producer's Market

3rd Sunday

Wirrabara Producer's Market

Pichi Richi Railways

Check the train times at the Office.