

News at Bendleby Ranges



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Rain!!!

Over the months of June, July and August we had 291 points (72mm) which brought on a nice cover of green, but with the hot and windy days in September, the feed is drying out. We are still in a drought situation with less than 100mm for the year so far. More rain is needed, but will we get it? So we ask you to be very conservative with the rainwater in the showers and accommodation.

If you have any spare rain in your camping equipment it would be much appreciated if you could leave it behind.

Orroroo Probus Visit

The Probus Club came to Bendleby Ranges on Monday 14th July. They were treated to some cool weather and a worm lunch in the BBQ area at Gumdale. 40 members of the group were on a mystery trip which took them to the Horseshoe and Carrieton on their monthly outing. On their way home they called in on the film crew at Johnburgh.

Rogainers



Over the weekend of the 19th and 20th July the Rogain group from Adelaide Uni came to Bendleby Ranges.

110 competitors took part in the weekend's event with a 12 hour and a 24 hour course. The course took them all over The Springs and Gumdale properties, with some check-in points in interesting spots. It made mustering for The Springs/Crotta shearing very interesting, finding all the check-in points as we were going along.

SA Tourism Awards

We currently hold the top award in South Australia for Adventure-based Tourism. For us this has been a great recognition for our commitment to diversify into tourism, while being farmers and pastoralists as well, especially during these drought-affected years. Last week we were visited once again by the judge, so wish us luck! It's a very tough competition.



The Ghosts

The quiet town of Johnburgh was a hive of activity in July with the filming of a feature film called *The Ghosts*. The film crew stayed at the Shearers' Quarters. Most of the filming was done at night with the film crew getting back at about 5 am.

Bill the Bunyip!

Have you seen Bill? We think he has gone on a footy trip, or looking for a girlfriend. Meanwhile Betsy (a friend/hopeful girlfriend/wife) has arrived to visit and so please help us find him.



Postcards

The *Postcards* film crew are coming to Bendleby Ranges on the 9th October. So keep an eye out on the TV for us— Channel 9.

Bridgestone

Bridgestone tyres came to Bendleby Ranges last year to try out their new D694LT and brought Dave Wilson, a driver trainer, and a film crew along. They have filmed some spectacular shots. If you would like to have a look at the film visit our website for the link.

Johnburgh history

We have had lots of people asking us about the history of Johnburgh. We are currently applying for a grant to put up signage through out the town and we also have for sale the Johnburgh history books which are available from the office.

Reminders

When you are going to do the Hungry Range remember to sign in and sign out. Talk to Warren, Ian or Jane about tailoring a trip for your group.

Over the October 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)

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Rubbish Recycling

We have a rubbish trailer and a bottle and can recycling area at the back of the Shearing Shed, so when you are driving past, or on the way to the showers, place your rubbish in the trailer and sort your cans and bottles in the areas provided.

What's New?

There are new signs at The Oval Campsite and on the front and back tracks. There is also a new notice board out the front of the office. Thanks to Ian and Damian for making and putting them up.

Next G Service

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

Training Track

We have a training track to test out your skills before you tackle the Bendleby and Hungry Ranges. The track is situated at The Springs near the Office.

Wood

We have provided for you at your campsite. If your supply is getting low, please let us know, but leave the surrounding areas around your campsite as they are.



For Sale

We are offering you an alternative product for your weekend meal

MARINATED KANGAROO

\$13.00 packet

Undercut Loin Fillet (1.2-1.4 Kg)

with the following marinades:

- Pepper Steak
- BBQ
- Red Wine & Garlic

Farm and Family News

Ian and Sue's eldest son, Luke is overseas teaching water skiing at a camp in America and is learning the quick way of being a father. He is in charge of a group of kids 24 hour a day.

Bridget won her netball grand final by one goal down in Clare and is still out celebrating.

Damian survived the footy trip and is practicing his tennis swing for the summer.



Darcy Andrews and Nicole Hughes

Warren and Jane's newest grandson Darcy Miller

Andrews and his mother

Nicole Luckraft and father Greg Andrews are settling into family life quite well.

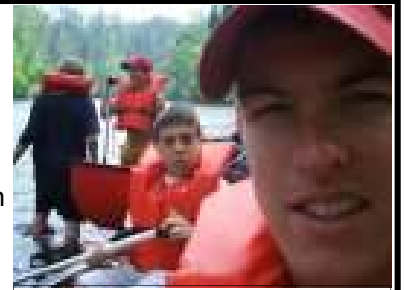
Warren & Jane also have a new member of their work force, Nicole Hughes.

She is working with the tourism and is

also Warren and Jane's jillaroo. She played in a netball grand final and won by 14 goals.

Warren and Jane have also had a visit from their grand children from Sydney. They have been very helpful with the mustering.

Charlie was home from Karratha for a flying visit—well he almost did not make it. The tar on the airstrip melted and he had to travel to Port Hedland by bus (3.5 hours) to fly to Perth.



Luke in front with his group in the back on a Canoe trip on the Namakagan River



Poppie with his grandchildren



Events in the Region

October

1st -6th Flinders Ranges a *Brush with Art*—Orroroo

8th-12th Orroroo Quilt Show (over 500 quilts on display)

11th-12th Open Garden Trail

11th Orroroo Street Fair

11th Rock, Wine and Jazz at the Blacksmith's Chatter

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Johnburgh Road (Rocky road)

1 Packet Nestlé's Melts (any flavour)

3/4 cup Roasted Almonds

1/2 bag raspberry jubes or cut up red licorice

1 packet marshmallows

Melt chocolate in a double saucepan. Place all other ingredients into a bowl and pour over the chocolate. spread into a flat tin tray. Cool in fridge cut and try to put away in cupboard for a while!!!!

4x4 show

Ian and Jane are off to work at the Adelaide 4x4 Show at the Morphettville Racecourse on the Quorn Adventures stand from Friday 10th—Sunday 12th October. So if you happen to be in the neighbourhood, drop in and say hello.

New keepsakes!

To complete your stay at Bendleby Ranges we have a new range of souvenirs for sale, ranging from beanies to stubby holders to scarves and hats and even a pen.

There is also available, for the budding artist, a variety of art supplies.



Have a great stay. Catch up with us for a chat!

Jane & Warren, Sue & Ian