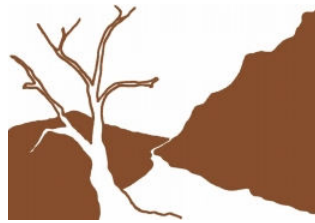


News at Bendleby Ranges



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Tour Up Over



Our first cycling event in July was very successful, despite the rain (1.5mm) early on Saturday morning. As it had been forecast for some time, some mountain bikers thought it might be too wet at Bendleby!

The Tour Up Over was held in the Bendleby Ranges on some of the existing 4WD tracks. There was an easier option for those who wanted a shorter track, while the serious mountain bikers could enjoy the full 21km ride.

We had some great entertainment on the Saturday night with Mike Custance and Lisa Kuerschner, and Ben van Boekel. It was a very relaxing time.

The dirt criterium on Sunday morning was a hit, with the course taking in the 4WD training track, the sheep yards and the loading ramp, and in and out of the dam (empty).

Southern Flinders Ranges Dirt Crit Championship Challenge

- Male - David Peters, Streaky Bay.
- Female - Sarah Holmes, Adelaide

Southern Flinders Ranges "Tour Up Over" All Round Champion

- Male - David Peters

Southern Flinders Ranges "Tour Up Over" Cross Country Champion

- Male - Eric Carleberg, Pt. Augusta
21 km in 1hr 3min.
- Female - Rebecca van Holst
Pellekaan, Wilmington

Next year we are looking at holding a longer event—maybe 50km, and the weekend will include events for all the family.

What's with the weather?

You will have noticed the green landscape as you drive in to Bendleby Ranges. We have had some small amounts of rain over the last month which has helped keep the green appearance, despite the two hot windy days in the middle of September. We hope it will continue to rain for a couple of months, yet. This will give us enough feed for the sheep for the summer period.

4WD Tracks

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

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)

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.

Family News

A recent visit by our grandsons from Sydney sparked a tree-house building campaign. Warren and Kate were busy building, while the boys (Miles and Harry) played nearby.



Fuel

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

New facilities



This picture shows half of the new building arriving at The Oval campsite. We are planning an enclosed camp kitchen, with an outdoor BBQ and deck area. This will be ideal for small family groups, large groups and will also provide an indoor entertainment area, if the weather is inclement.

It will also have hot showers and toilets for campers at The Oval.

More cycling & bushwalking tracks

We have planned a 10 km dedicated cycling track from The Oval campsite to Solly's Well. This will be built over the summer months ready for cyclists in 2010.

Some of the 4WD tracks in the Bendleby Ranges will be signposted for cyclists to the IMB standards.

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.

Don't forget:

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

Bill & Betsy



While you are cycling/ driving around keep an eye out for Bill and Betsy, the gnomes. Betsy was last spotted at the ruins at Gumdale, but Bill hasn't been seen for some time. 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.

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

Ask at the Office for some marinated kangaroo meat if you would like to give it a try.

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

Kangaroo Meat

Our local kangaroo processor, Dew's Meats have a new range of products which they are selling in a range of restaurants throughout the Flinders Ranges. If you would like to try some, please see the staff at the office.

Roo burgers (6/pkt) \$5 Sausage (6/pkt) \$5
Marinated fillet \$15

The marinades include *Outback Grill, Red Wine & Garlic, Herb Chilli Garlic.*



Willing Helpers

Scott Kuerschner, Michael Tapscott, Georgie Custance and Matt Byerlee have been helping us with wood distribution, campsite preparation, maintenance and anything else that is required to help make your weekend enjoyable. It is great to be able to find willing workers from the local area.

Events in the Region

October

12 Sep-5 Oct A Brush with Art at Outback Exposures, Orroroo

An annual festival celebrating the many great artists who have captured the beauty of the Flinders Ranges.

3rd Melrose Show

3rd-4th Cook Out Back 2009, Blinman

5th Jamestown Show

17th-18th Jamestown fly in and air Spectacular

17th Blinman Gymkhana

November

7th-8th Carrieton Campdraft

December

24th Orroroo Christmas Pageant

27th Carrieton Rodeo

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.

c **Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!**