

News at Bendleby Ranges



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Welcome to Bendleby Ranges for October 2007.

Award Judging

We have again entered the SA Tourism Commission awards in the Adventure section. We had Megan Wheeler, a TAFE student to help us with the application process, and recently were visited by one of the judges. Award winners will be announced on Saturday, November 3rd—we'll keep you posted.

5km Signs

You will notice the new 5km/hour signs. These are to keep the dust down around the buildings, and to make it safe for people as vehicles drive through.

Lack of Rain!

As you can see, things are very much drier than normal at this time of the year, as we have only had just over 30mm for the last 4 months. We continue to rotate our stock, hoping to give pastures some chance. The lack of rain is causing dust problems, particularly around the roads. We have noticed that some drivers are tailgating the vehicle in front of them, which is an extremely dangerous practice. The best practice is to leave a gap sufficient for the dust to clear between each vehicle.

Mountain Bikes and Horse Trail Riders

We recently have a group of Mountain Bike riders at the same time as some Horse Trail Riders. The bike riders particularly enjoyed the tracks in the Bendleby Ranges and the horse trial riders (at a more leisurely pace) enjoyed the safe facilities for their horses.

Have a great weekend!

Catch up with us for a chat over the weekend.

Ian & Sue, Warren & Jane,

Rubbish Disposal and Recycling

For your convenience, we have placed a rubbish disposal trailer and a bottle and can recycling area at the Shearing Shed near the showers. If you are driving past on your way to the showers, or before leaving, you may like to put your rubbish here. There are designated areas for cans and plastic bottles, and crates are provided for bottles. Happy recycling!

Kelpie Pup

Rex has grown. He is very keen and is starting to work with sheep. Rip, our old dog, has gone to Dog Heaven, but Dan and Scout are still putting in long days, when required.

Test Track

Try out the newly revamped Test Track before tackling the more challenging tracks. It will give you some idea of what you will encounter on the tracks.

Entertainment on June long weekend

Terry Williams entertained guests with his stories of life on pastoral properties and some country and western songs. This was followed by a supper of tea or coffee and scones. Next year we will once again do some outdoor entertainment.

Brainteasers

To add to the enjoyment of the weekend, we have written some questions to encourage you to ask us about our property. Some of the answers are in this newsletter.

Surveys

We hope you will spend a few minutes around the campfire filling this out. Your comments will help us improve our facilities, and the information we provide when you arrive.

Keep your eyes open for Bill, the Bendleby Bunyip. He could be in a surprising place.

If you find him, move him to a new spot, to surprise someone else.



Look out for Bill!!



Footy Grand Final Win

On Saturday 15th September, A Grade teams from Orroroo and Port Broughton played an exciting game, with Orroroo managing to come out winners, having more legs in the last quarter. Congratulations to all the footballers, including Luke and Damian Ellery. Some footballers are still celebrating—with a footy trip this weekend.

Camp Fire Recipe

'Roo Tender Loin

Ingredients

A big lump of kangaroo steak
Some cooking oil (preferably good stuff)
Salt and pepper

How to do it

Get your kangaroo steak, and marinate it in the cooking oil for about half a day or longer, or until you get around to it. In the meantime get some vegies ready.

Heat your pan by hanging it over the fire, then chuck your steak in the pan with some salt and pepper and slowly cook him up, turning him as necessary. When he's cooked he's done.

Now sit back, look at the stars, and enjoy a fair dinkum meal of meat and vegies while living in the land of the Southern Cross.

Recipe from "Rabbit on a Shovel" by Lummo

Bendleby Bliss

(Things for Kids to do)

- Noughts and crosses
- Hop scotch
- Treasure hunt—animal, mineral and man-made
- Identifying animal tracks and manure
- 3 legged-race
- Egg and spoon race
- Apple bobbing
- Charades
- "Chinese" whispers

Places to go, things to do!

The Pichi Richi train will be running all weekend—check the brochures in The Office for departure times.

Grab a copy of the new 4WD Tracks and Repeaters pamphlet from our office, and have a look. There are many tracks to try in the Flinders Ranges.

Have you seen the largest Eucalyptus in the southern hemisphere? Or watched your car go uphill, at Magnetic Hill. Then there's the reservoir walk with rock carvings, poem and lovely picnic area, etc . The Coffee shop, Deli and great pubs help make our town inviting and cater to all needs.



Day Trips

We can recommend some day trips for you to take, ranging from 4WD tracks to camel rides, train rides, good eating places, or just pleasant drives. It's not every day you get to be in the Flinders Ranges, so ask us for advice on how to make the most of it.

For Sale

John O'Dea's CDs (\$25)

The Rusty Ute

If Stones Could Talk

Rendezvous of the Magpie \$40

Susan Woolford

Events in the Region on the Weekend

Saturday 29th Flinders Ranges, a Brush with Art—Cradock, Quorn

Jamestown Cup Race Meeting

Saturday 29th & 30th

September Cook Out Back, Blinman

All weekend Melrose Fat Tyre Festival