



## Summer 2007

The place seems to be 'buzzing' with the staff at Wirraway currently gearing up for the summer holidays with training camp on the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of December and then five camps over the Christmas holiday period. In all the busyness, we are looking forward to taking a few days out to spend time with family and friends, reflecting on God's goodness over the past year. Jesus' birth so many years ago is the reason we are free. We hope you get the chance stop and think about Him at this time too.

It was in this newsletter a year ago that we farewelled Caleb Jones from our ranks, however, a year later he has returned! Its great to have him back. We also take this opportunity to thank and say goodbye to Lauren Busch for her part time service here while she has been finishing off her studies. Now it is time for her to practice those skills as she takes up a permanent full time teaching position at Mount Gambier High School. We pray that she settles into her new job and community quickly.

## Indigenous Camp 2007

We were very excited to have the Indigenous kids from north of the state here again in October. About 20 people came from regions including Copley, Hawker, Nepabunna and Leigh Creek. It was great to share not only an exciting week with them but also the good news about Jesus. We are hoping that this new tradition in it's second year will continue on in the future.



## Musters 2007/08

The Summer Musters are rapidly booking out, however if you would like to come, please ring and put your name on the reserve list. You never know, you may get in!

18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	(10-12 years)	\$140
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	(14+ years)	\$230*
6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	(11-13 years)	\$230
14 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	(10-12 years)	\$180
20 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	(12-15 years)	\$230

\* Plus GST if over 17 years

Bookings for the April Musters will open at 9.30am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The dates are:

14 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10-12 yrs	\$TBA
20 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> April	12-14 yrs	\$TBA

Remember our Easter Camp in 2008. Details will be posted on the website and the next newsletter so lookout for that!

Please call us (08) 8536 6063 to make a booking  
Keep an eye on our website for more information

## Wirraway Training

Wirraway Homestead is a "Registered Training Organisation" which means that we can have students here studying Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation. Many of our young single staff complete this while they work here on a fulltime basis, however, if you are interested in this course or know someone who might be, there is another way to do it. Based on 20 hours a week spent at Wirraway, which would comprise of formal training and practical work, you may be eligible to receive Youth Allowance from the Government. This would mean you could study a higher education course without going to TAFE or Uni. If you would like more information please call Wirraway and talk to Taimi or Nina.

### WHAT THE SHEPHERDS HEARD

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:11-14 TNIV

## Mobile Mission Maintenance 2007

In the usual tradition, the South Australian team of Mobile Mission Maintenance came in the second week of the October school holidays as well as a follow up later in November to help spruce up the place. While they were here, a number of jobs were completed including the installation of air conditioning in the Livery Stable (the main meeting shed) and the house, replacement of the eaves on the Shearers Bunkhouse, re-oiling of the exterior of the Livery Stable, interior painting of the office as well as other small re-painting jobs and some gardening too. We sincerely thank them for their dedication, hard work and attitude to service which is motivated by their love for God. The work they do makes Wirraway both more pleasing to the eye and of course more structurally sound. We look forward to seeing them all next year!



## Morialta Trust Support of Camps

Once again we have been thrilled to receive support from this organisation, which allows us to offer subsidy to any who are struggling financially for school holiday camp fees. For the shorter and thus cheaper camps we can offer \$30 discount, and for the six day camps the discount is \$50 (eligibility is through Pension or Health Care Cards). The Morialta grant will also enable us to subsidise some school camps from lower socio-economic areas during 2008.

## Snapshot: Kieran Clancy

### When did you:

- **start coming to Wirraway?** As a camper - aged 10, 1998.
- **start bunkhouse leading?** New Years 2006.
- **start volunteering at Wirraway?** The beginning of 2006 - usually one day a week.

**What are your favourite things about Wirraway?** The work that God is doing there. The staff - they're all great people. I love how Peter still loves the food after 33 years!

**What is your favourite thing to do here?** Fixing things - and also taking them apart and putting them back together again.

**Latest achievements at Wirraway:** Helped install the new air conditioner in the shed, the new dishwasher and helped re-build the Wirraway website. Rebuilt the wood storage bays with Yarran (another regular volunteer) .

Keiran has just landed a systems administration job at Flinders University IT department and is still studying full time through next year a Bachelor of Science in Maths and Physics (double major). He has been invaluable here as a regular volunteer helping with maintenance as well as activities - thanks Kieran!



## Horse News

There is little to report for our horse news this time. Due to the horse flu crisis and the precautions taken, we have had no new horses come to Wirraway, which makes the 'horse news' only sad news. Two of our 'oldies', Basil and Twiggy, have been part of the riding team for some time now. However, they both became even too old for that recently and have left us now. We can easily undervalue our old horses but for what they do here, they really are priceless!



## Badges and Magnets update

Our badges and magnets we sell at snack bar with photos of our horses (like this one of Basil) and around the camp have now raised over \$150,000 for World Vision with the government 10 for 1 subsidy.

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