



Wirraway News Summer 2010-2011

FRIENDS OF WIRRAWAY

A couple of weekends ago a number of ex-staff and families, current board and staff members, enjoyed a day together at Wirraway. We had a (BYO) meal and the children had a riding lesson, and played around the site. It was very relaxed, and we all felt we should do this regularly, next time with more notice....as many who couldn't be there, expressed regret that they already had prior engagements for that day.

FAREWELL FROM ANDY AND TAIMI BUCHAN

We came to work at Wirraway in October 2005 as a married couple. We've since had two children (Elijah and Nadia) and seen God at work here in many ways. Our involvement here started before this too, with Taimi working off and on since 1997 both as a full timer and part time staffer. She's been the cook, a horse riding instructor, horse area manager and the office manager. Andy started here in 2000 as a part timer, mostly in the activities, and has taken on a whole array of tasks including helping set up the rock climbing wall, managing the website and speaking as part of the Christian programme. Over our time here we have been personally stretched, blessed, exhausted, excited, encouraged and loved. Eli and Nadia have grown up here and we are particularly thankful for the example, the babysitting, the friendship and the fun that the staff and volunteers have had with them both.



We have taken an opportunity to continue serving God in 2011 with our church, Trinity Mount Barker. Andy will be working in a ministry training position with a focus on youth and continuing part time theological study at the Bible College of South Australia. We will all miss Wirraway - we have loved working with the amazing people here - Peter and Nina, staff and students. We are sure that God will continue to make his mark through Wirraway and the special ministry that it has in reaching young people from all over Adelaide with the Gospel. Thanks to everyone that has been there with us and supported us through our time here. Thanks to God who has made it possible.

STAFF NEWS

It has become somewhat of a tradition to "recycle" staff here at Wirraway and 2011 is proving no exception to this as we welcome **Jeremy & Jess Hancock** and **Jacqui Maynard** back here again after many years.

The Hancock family have just moved into 'the house' at camp with their three boys, Jack, Oscar and Ashton (and one more on the way!). Jeremy: "We are very happy to be involved at Wirraway again and are particularly excited about our role in growing young Christian leaders of the future. Please keep us in your prayers as our young boys adjust to our new environment."



Jacqui: "Wirraway has always had that sense of home to me. It's always been the place which contains memories of fun & laughter, spiritual growth, amazing friends, and jokes and catch phrases that will live on forever. Basically, I'm just so happy that I'm getting to come back 'home' and to all that that means."



HORSE NEWS

Recently we have acquired four new horses (pictured from left to right). Dyno is a 15.1 HH thoroughbred, Charlie, a 15 HH quarter-horse, Bundy, a 15.1 HH brumby cross and Misty, a 14 HH appaloosa. Bundy and Misty are already in the programme, with Dyno and Charlie soon to follow. We are always on the lookout for good, quiet horses. Please contact us if you know of any.



STUDENTS FULL TIME AT WIRRAWAY

In August two more full time students (Will Leske and Mel Bulke), who are studying Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation with Wirraway Training, joined us for a 12 month period. They are involved with the camp from Monday to Wednesday of each week of term time, and are a great help to us as they run activities and work around the site. At the same time 3 of our staff, and one from El Shaddai, began their Certificate IV studies (also with Wirraway's RTO). They are enjoying a more challenging course, which includes management skills and higher levels of responsibilities at the sites.

We are currently interviewing more students who want to start early 2011. The course equips them for working in the outdoor industry as an instructor in businesses such as campsites, adventure companies and tourist resorts. The qualifications are recognised across Australia and provide training in: specific activities run at the sties, OHS, risk management, first aid, managing a group and communication. This is an ideal way for young Christians to spend a gap year, especially for those interested in teaching or youth work, in the outdoor industry as a career path, or wanting to be involved in a ministry for a time before beginning university or other studies.



OVEN UPGRADE

We are very pleased to have a new oven installed in the camp kitchen. The old one had seen some work in its 35 years here, and we are excited that all parts of the new one will actually work! One staff member reported seeing a similar one in a museum, which may be the case but remember it has cooked just over a million meals (including 190,000 slices of cheese on toast and nearly 10 tonne of lasagne). We wonder if Pete will last that long!

FAREWELL, OLD FAITHFUL!

Also, recently the old Chamberlain tractor died and went to equipment heaven after even longer service than the stove... It had been used to put in all the infrastructure AND bury a few horses over 36 years! It came as an antique and is an example of longevity having survived this long! We are negotiating to buy a new tractor, and are open to any donations that may come our way, if you have one in your shed not being used!



PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- For staff comings and goings – for new staff and those moving on next year.
- For our upcoming Christmas holiday camps – for all the staff, bunkhouse leaders, horse helpers, kitchen hands and campers coming throughout this period. Please pray for safety, fun, a sense of community on camp and that we can know and experience the love of God for us demonstrated in Jesus.
- Particularly for our bunkhouse leaders, that they would be people of integrity, have a passion for Christ that shapes their life and that they would seek His will for them daily.

APRIL HOLIDAY MUSTERS

Bookings open for our April Musters on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 9:30am.

APRIL 17th – 21st for 10-12 years

APRIL 26th – 30th for 12-14 years

Please see our website for details on all our future camps
and to request a booking: www.wirraway.org or ring (08) 8536 6063