



Winter 2009

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Staff News

We have had some fabulous visitors from Victoria lately – several trainees from Mill Valley Ranch (near Pakenham 70km SE of Melbourne). Emma Roberts, Lindy Butler, Greg Shallard, Emily Grey, Jess Jephson, Eddie Bartlett-Shaw & Nic Mayall have all visited so far with a couple more still to come! They have all been wonderful – helping run activities and teaching horse riding, as well as spending time with both our staff and the Wirraway campers. Our thanks to Mill Valley Ranch for sending them all to us! They are part of the student training program at MVR which is using the Wirraway Training facilities for Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation. The Wirraway community is enjoying the ongoing interaction with staff from other campsites...and as far as the training is concerned, it provides a stimulating environment for learning for everyone involved.

Could YOU be a student at Wirraway in 2010? An ideal gap year experience...

Each year Wirraway (through its Registered Training Organisation) provides training for young people who want to work as instructors/guides in the recreation industry. Our students study with us full time and can receive a government youth allowance...as the Outdoor Recreation course is registered for Austudy and provides normal benefits for those who are eligible, according to normal Centrelink regulations. We are always keen to hear from people interested to undertake Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation, and who want to be involved in ministry at a Christian

MUSTERS 2009

July Musters (Sun 4pm – Sat 11am)

July 5th–11th for 12–14 years \$260

July 12th–18th for 14+ years (Veg-out) \$260

Bookings open July 6th at 9:30am for the next Muster:

September 28th – October 3rd for 10–12 years (Mon 7:30pm – Sat 11:00am) \$215

Summer musters – bookings also open July 6th at 9:30am. Check out www.wirraway.org for more details about all of our upcoming school holiday musters.

campsite as part of their study commitments. They need to be 18 and have a desire to serve God and share their faith with campers during their 12 month internship with us. Intakes are available both mid August and January.

Drovers Building

Our project to replace the Drovers bunkhouse is currently full steam ahead. Anyone interested in assisting us with any aspect of the building process please contact us on (08) 8536 6063 or email peter@wirraway.org.

We are very grateful that Mobile Mission Maintenance is taking overall management of the job, but there will still be much to do, and we are keen to involve any (preferably experienced) volunteers (building/catering for the workers/cleaning/painting etc.). Pre-demolition work will begin 27th June 2009.

27th July – 21st August are the key dates for building – any assistance, especially during this period (on Tuesdays–Saturdays) would be most appreciated!

Refresh Camp coming up in August

These camps are especially designed for volunteers, bunkhouse leaders and young Christians who are keen to spend some time together and learn more about God, and how to share their faith with other people.

We have a special speaker for this camp – **Jacqui Maynard**, currently running Crusaders Camps in NSW and an ex-Wirraway staff member from many years ago. Jacqui is a talented speaker, with a passion for youth and real interest in the 'Y' generation. If you are interested in becoming a leader or are an existing leader, we would especially like to encourage you to come along.

Please phone (08) 8536 6063 or email office@wirraway.org to book.

22 - 23 August 2009
Wirraway Homestead Youth Centre

refresh

Sat 9:30am - Sun 2pm
 cost: \$55, ages: 14+
 book: (08) 8536 6063 or
 online www.wirraway.org



Horse News

The last few months have been very exciting down at the horse area. We have seen amazing provisions from God with 4 new larger horses joining the herd. These include Candy; a 14.3hh QH chestnut, Teak; a 15.2 hh bay Thoroughbred, Bailey; a 15.3 hh Standardbred and Jimmy; a 15.1hh Arab X. These horses are all fulfilling a very important role for us. Before their arrival we did not have enough bigger horses for adults/larger campers. At the same time, sadly the hot, dry summer took its toll, and we said goodbye to some old favourites; Chance, Jasper and Dylan. We still need more quiet horses between 14hh–15hh. If you know of any that might be suitable, please contact us. We can give them a healthy and useful home!



Washing machine required!

Anyone with a working washing machine which you could donate to us, could you please call us on (08) 8536 6063.



Prayer Points

- For the upcoming Drovers building project – for safety, efficiency, fellowship time and fun!
- For the July Musters – that we can continue to be clear in our presentation of the gospel through the ministry of Wirraway camping and rely on God's strength in our lives.
- For the provision of new horses for our programme.
- Thanks be to God for the finances – that we continue through His will not our own.

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Regular updates, camp dates and pricing, photos, horse profiles, staff profiles, the Wirraway Blog, links to youth groups and churches, FAQ – the works! Check us out on the web!

Leave comments on the guestbook – check out the online tour, contribute to our 'story' page... lots more.. what are you waiting for?!