



## Autumn 2007

Happy New Year! Now that we have settled into the routine again, it's time to update you all on the latest happenings at Wirraway. To kick off the Summer holidays, we had our annual volunteer training camp where we trained 20 bunkhouse leaders, 18 horse helps and 5 kitchen hands. Many of these people tried out their new skills throughout the Christmas Holiday period and the rest will come sometime in '07.

We had a fantastic set of Summer Musters this year. There were 5 in total and all together we had 253 campers, 37 bunkhouse leaders (some giving up more than one week of their time), and about 25 other volunteers who helped mainly in the kitchen and horse area. It was an exciting time of witnessing God working and using His people for His kingdom. Because we enjoyed this time so much, we thought we would dedicate much of this issue to sharing some photographic moments (shown overleaf).

## Easter Camp

If you would like to add depth to your relationship with God, and you are of high school age, then Wirraway would like to invite you to Easter Camp 2007. This is a great opportunity to bring your questions, discover more about who God is, what He has for us in life and how it all works. Topics could include Prayer, Christianity and the media, Coping with pressures in life, Introduction to the Bible and What's special about Jesus.

April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 8:00pm - Monday 4:00pm

Cost: \$120

Easter camp bookings now work like our muster bookings so if you would like to attend, please contact our office on **(08) 8536 6063** or email us at [office@wirraway.org](mailto:office@wirraway.org)

## Musters 2007

April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> EASTER CAMP

Christian growth camp (high school age) \$120

April 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> (10-12 years) \$135

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> (12-14 years) \$220

\* July 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> (12-14 years) \$220

\* July 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> (14+ years - VEG OUT) \$220

\* Bookings open April 2nd at 9:30am

## New Staff

Another thing that has made the past few months so exciting has been the new staff that have joined us. We introduced you to some of them in the December issue but there are still more! Katherine Eckert (aka Kat, Kate, Keckert etc...) started in early January after bunkhouse leading for two Summer Musters! She's a local girl, having grown up just down the road in Strathalbyn. Last year she completed "Year in the Son" at Tabor Adelaide and is looking to further her youth work experience. So far, she is working in the office here and has already tried her hand with some activities and in the kitchen. We look forward to discovering even more talents! Andrew Crispe also joined us recently. He is mostly found in the horse area while he is at Wirraway, however away from here, he will more likely be found on a stage! While he is an excellent horseman, he has a passion for the performing arts and for the meantime he is at Wirraway in between rehearsals and performances of his latest show.



The latest direction for Wirraway Training is the basis for the next staff introductions. We are able to offer Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation to other new staff, who fall in the category of full time students, eligible for Youth Allowance.

David Lohmeyer, Ben Toon and Amy Kalme (shown right in order from top) are our most recent additions in this scheme. They will be involved in running activities on the camps to get their practical experience. At the same time they will learn the theory behind our profession (Recreation Industry Workers) studying areas like OHS and risk management, planning and working with groups, first aid, environmental and food handling issues, as well as their activity specific training. We hope there will be even more young people doing this with us in the future.



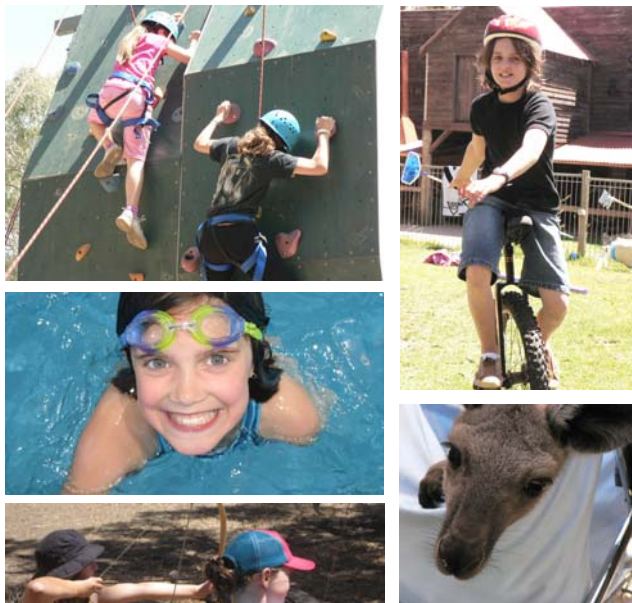


Before & after shots of the New Years Eve Party

# SUMMER MUSTERS 2006-2007

These are some moments of camps over the Christmas holiday period. Hopefully this gives you an indication of just how much fun we all had.

Pete had a chance to practice his engineering abilities when he constructed the "Dunk The Bunkhouse Leader Machine". It was very popular - especially for the campers!



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