



Summer 2006

Well, it won't be long now before we close the doors on 2006 and look towards 2007! The "silly season", as it has come to be known, is well and truly upon us and for Wirraway, it becomes the busiest time of year. We look forward to spending time with our loved ones as we ponder the richness of what Christmas *really* means: 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born into our world as a human so now we can experience relationship with God. We pray that you, the past and present members of the Wirraway family will experience joy and peace, especially at this time.

Horse News



Unfortunately, there is only sad news to report this time. One of our beloved Norwegian Fjords "Igor" passed away recently. He was an excellent pony who served us well while he was here. He will be missed by all.

Please think of us if you come across any horses that might suit what we do here. They need to be exceptionally quiet and between 12hh-15hh.

Indigenous Camp 2006



Thanks to a grant from the Adelaide Bank Foundation, we had the amazing opportunity to have about 12 indigenous kids (and their carers) from the north of South Australia camp with us during the October school holidays. It was a really special time for these children to learn about how to work safely with horses and also experience a place so different from their homes. We had a fantastic time building relationships with them and sharing the love of God. We pray that this opportunity will come up again in the future. The kids came from places including Nepabunna, Leigh Creek, Hawker and Copley.

Musters 2006/07

There are very few places available for the Summer Musters, however if you would like to come, it still may be worth calling and putting your name on the reserve list. You never know, you may get in!

19 th -23 rd Dec	10-12 yrs	\$125
31 st Dec-6 th Jan	14+ yrs	\$210
7 th -13 th Jan	11-13 yrs	\$210
15 th -20 th Jan	10-12 yrs	\$165
21 st -27 th Jan	12-15 yrs	\$210

Bookings for the April Musters will open at 9.30am on Tuesday 2nd January 2007. The dates are:

17 th - 21 st April	10-12 yrs	\$TBA
22 nd - 28 th April	12-14 yrs	\$TBA

Remember our Easter Camp in 2007. Details will be posted on the website so lookout for that!

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

Prayer Points

- That our new staff will learn their tasks quickly and feel at home here very soon.
- Our December training camp - for bunkhouse leaders, horse helps and kitchen hands as they learn leadership skills for future camps.

Praise points

- The provision of staff - our God is faithful in all things.
- Our school camps are heavily booked for the next 2 years.
- Once again we have received the Morialta Trust grant. We will use these extra funds to support families on low incomes.
- We just received a Government grant to enable us to get broadband internet via satellite. Set up is complete and we are 'connected'!

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN;
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER,
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED **WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR,**
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. ISAIAH 9:6

Clockwise from left: Sara, Miriam, Tania, Caleb & Hannah.



We have had a very interesting last three months in terms of staff news. There have been many comings and goings so you'll have to forgive us for being brief about each individual! **Miriam Lyon** left us in October. You may recall her only being welcomed back recently! Her time here was brief but during her stay she met and became engaged. We wish her well as she prepares for married life. **Tania Zimmerman** took her place as the cook and has been doing a stunning job, however, she is setting off again soon to pursue the camping life elsewhere. While we are terribly sad about her departure (especially so close to her arrival) we hope she settles in to her new job as quickly as she did at Wirraway. At the same time that Tania leaves we will also say goodbye to **Hannah Pillar**. Hannah has been working here for 18

months, doing a mixture of office duties and horse area work. She's looking into doing some study next year. She contributed a great deal to the team while with us. **Caleb Jones** has also left the ranks after nearly three years of service. We will miss his zaniness and excellent skills in working with kids. Our final farewell goes to **Sara Lange** who worked primarily in the horse area. She's off to travel next year prior to chasing her acting career. We are sure we'll see her on the TV one day!

New Staff



Thankfully we have not been left high and dry without replacements for all these wonderful people, so it is our pleasure to introduce you to some of our "new kids on the block". **Eve McMillan** (left) has arrived to be our cook, among other things. She has spent some time travelling and working at other campsites, so she is already somewhat accustomed to what this lifestyle is about. **Rebecca Palmer** (right) is currently training to be a horse riding instructor and will eventually also try her hand at other tasks. She's pretty new to everything at Wirraway as she hails from Victoria but is settling in very well with us.



Snapshot: Mobile Mission Maintenance



Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM) spent a week with us during the October school holidays, returning once again to complete a long list of tasks including repairs to (and painting) the Bank building, painting throughout the bunkhouses, installing a new fireplace in the cottage, installing a new front gate sign (shown left) and spending some time with us. An electrician arrived a couple of weeks later to upgrade lighting in several areas, as well as install a stove and a new fuse box at the cottage. Our thanks go to all the MMM staff and volunteers who continue to serve God in this special way.



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 would 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.

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