



Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Newsletter October 07

About Us:

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We have been working for Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary for the past 12 months. During this time we have made many improvements to the Cabins, the Koala Walk and infrastructure. It has been a great experience for us both, meeting people and working in our chosen fields of conservation and tourism. Our 12 month term on the island finishes at the end of October and we both return to our properties and other projects in the Adelaide Hills. We have appointed Greg and Evelyn Keyes for the next 12 month period. We know that they will take on the job with great enthusiasm and commitment. We will still act as Management for Hanson Bay Co and we will work on the 'bigger picture', managing the financials, marketing, and oversee the progress, direction and development of Hanson Bay Sanctuary. **'It's all Good'**.

Should anyone need to contact us on the mainland: Ph: 08 83887187 or email bruce.jackson@sa.chariot.net.au

Bookings:

Bookings are already coming in for 2008. Busy times ahead for Xmas and the New Year, but some vacancies still exist, if you haven't already booked give us a call or fill in the enquiry page on the web with your preferred dates. www.hansonbay.com.au
Our 'winter special' for local KI residents was well received with one couple visiting us 5 times in 2 months!

. All Bookings are now done from the office of Hanson Bay Sanctuary.

Ph: 08 85597344 or stay@hansonbay.com.au

Cabins:

Updating of the cabins continues, over the past 12 months we have installed new flooring in the kitchens, new kitchen dressers, new curtains, new quilts and covers, new information folders, and a well needed BBQ upgrade. We endeavour to improve the product that we offer and in the future we plan to replace carpets, furniture and tidy garden surrounds.

Any suggestions are welcome!

The Homestead:

The Sanctuary Homestead is available for holiday rental once again. After being used by the team from Southern Ocean Lodge it is now available once more. The Homestead is great for families, groups and schools. It is large and roomy with plenty of wildlife in the garden. A 10 minute drive will get you to the beach or Flinders Chase. The Homestead is a popular destination for the avid bird watcher and photographer.

Brochures:

The Hanson Bay Brochures have now been updated and printed. If anyone needs any to hand to friends or groups, we will gladly send you a few or a bundle.



Wildlife:

Winter/Spring is a great time of the year. Many of us don't like venturing out on these cold nights, but it is a great time to see the sanctuary wildlife. Tamar joes are sticking their little heads out of the pouch and some Western Grey Kangaroos have joeys. Unfortunately, due to the long dry spell the island experienced, many of the bigger roos didn't produce young this year. Koala Joeys are out of the pouch now and clinging on to their mothers back. There are 4 that we know of in the Koala Walk. This has been a great treat for our overseas visitors. The Cape Barren geese have returned this year once again in good numbers, with many young goslings sighted in the fenced area of the sanctuary.



Nocturnal Tours:

Our nocturnal tours have increased in participation three fold over the last 12 months. The tours are now available to visitors each night. It is a fantastic opportunity for guests to see our nocturnal wildlife. If you haven't been on one of the tours please make sure you do next time you visit. **We offer the tour to our Cabin guests at a reduced rate of \$15pp.**

Koala Walk:

Visitation to the koala walk has increased by 50% over the last 12 months. With added road signage, picnic tables and a new information area, this has made the Koala Walk a more inviting place to visit. Sealink busses are now regular visitors to this attraction. Hanson Bay Sanctuary is still the best place on KI to see koalas. **The Koala Walk is FREE to any guests staying in the Hanson Bay Cabins.**

Birds:

We have compiled a new up-to-date list of the birds found at Hanson Bay Sanctuary. Guests are encouraged to add their 'find' to the list. Just when we think that we have seen it all, we amazingly sight another species! Southern Emu Wrens (many) in the scrub behind the cabins. Barn owl, just one, on one of our night tours. We have sighted Hooded Plovers on the 2nd beach on a number of occasions and after 12 months we saw our first Sea Eagle gliding over the bay.

Gift Vouchers Available:

Do your friends a favour and give them a holiday, a great Xmas gift idea or maybe a corporate gift. Can be used within 12 months at any time of the year.

Share the Hanson Bay experience around!

 <p style="text-align: center;">Gift Voucher</p> To:..... From:..... ...nights Accommodation @ Hanson Bay, Kangaroo Island Voucher to be used by:..... <i>Book your holiday anytime within the use by date</i> www.hansonbay.com.au stay@hansonbay.com.au Ph:08 85597344

New Backpacker Accommodation:

What do you do with a 'trashed shearers flat'? Renovate it for the backpacker market! A roomy, open plan, 4 bedroom abode, with a rural outlook. New ceilings and walls, lots of paint and furnishings have made this into a great new asset for the sanctuary. Our backpacker guests think it's great! 2 single bedrooms, 2 double bedrooms, share facilities, lockable bedrooms, TV/DVD, wood heater, plenty of wildlife. Just \$30pp per night, a great cheap accommodation alternative close to the Western end attractions. Plenty of bookings already. More info. on the web.

WEB: www.hansonbay.com.au

Most of our bookings and contacts come via the web site & email these days. We have redone the website and made it more useable and inviting with new pictures and information. If you haven't already seen it, check it out, if we have missed something please let us know.

'Rustic Blue'

A great new gallery has just opened up on South Coast Rd. near Vivonne Bay. Beautiful quality Australian made gifts and arts on sale. Also providing, tea, coffee and cake. A great stopover on the way to Hanson Bay.

Special offer to Hanson Bay Guests only, buy one coffee and receive the second one FREE of charge.

Look for the red flag!

New Ferry Service:

Although we haven't tried it, there is a new ferry to the island! Wirrina to Kingscote & return. Various times

available, a 2hr journey. Times and rates on www.kiferries-sa.com Ph: 08 85982000.

SOL:

The Southern Ocean Lodge development is on track with completion and opening planned for 1st March 08. Those wanting to see the proposed look at completion try, www.southernoceanlodge.com.au

Raptor Domain:

A fantastic new attraction for the Island. The 'Bird Of Prey' show run by Dave and Leeza Irwin. Held at the Outdoor Education Centre, Vivonne Bay. Adults \$7.50, Children \$5.00. Opening in November. ***We highly recommend it!***

Fishing:

All those that have visited during the cooler months know what a great fishing spot Hanson Bay is. Massive salmon have been caught this winter. Many fishing stories are told around the Cabin BBQ each night as the salmon steaks sizzle: The ones that were caught and the big ones that got away. As the night gets longer so the fish get bigger! Quote from a couple of Victorian visitors read:

"What can you say about this place that can do it any justice! 10 days of bliss! Salmon were HUGE! Hundreds of 4+ lb fish, with quite a few going 7 – 8 lb, 70cm and one monster going 12lb. This is our 3rd year in paradise, (one trip a year is not enough)"
Carl & Carlton, Melbourne Vic.

The above fish were thrown back! Not one was eaten!



FISHING PHOTO COMPETITION

~ WIN ~

We would like for our guests to send in their best fishing photo taken at Hanson Bay.

The winner receives 2 nights accommodation for 2

Email your favourite fishing picc to

bruce.jackson@sa.chariot.net.au

We will publish the winner in the next newsletter

We thank all our guests for their bookings and support. Income from Accommodation, the Koala walks and the Nocturnal tours, help fund our conservation work.

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