



Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Newsletter January 2008

We trust that all our guests past and present had a great Xmas and we wish you all a safe and prosperous 2008. Some were lucky enough to see the New Year in at the Hanson Bay.

Fires:

Fortunately Hanson Bay Sanctuary did not receive any damage from the fires that ravaged the Western End of Kangaroo Island in early December. Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary truly became a '*Sanctuary*', and was a refuge to many displaced birds and animals fleeing the fires.

Donations:

Many concerned people rang and sent us emails with offers to donate money for the wildlife. All donations received will help purchase much needed feed for the stressed and hungry animals on their road to recovery. It is envisaged that the feeding will go on throughout the summer and into the winter months ahead. *Many, Many thanks, to all those kind people involved.*

Cabins:

Updating of the Hanson Bay Cabins continues on, with new carpets installed, new blinds in the bathrooms (*hooray!*), and new light fittings throughout. New screen doors are also on the 'to do' list. We endeavour to upgrade where necessary and to provide a better product for our guests. Any suggestions, just let us know.

Bookings:

Our new **WEB** site has been working well for us with plenty of enquiries and bookings for the **Cabins**, if you haven't made your booking for 2008 please give us a call or email with your preferred dates. **Nocturnal tours** have also been popular with plenty of koala activity. Our new **Backpacker** accommodation has been well received with and plenty of forward bookings. The **Homestead** is also keeping busy, this is a popular, very spacious, cheaper accommodation alternative, set in a bushland setting with plenty of wildlife. A great place for groups, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts or families.

Wildlife:

Summer is upon us, **Tammar** Joeys are out of their mothers pouches now and are quite independent. **Koala** Joeys have also left their mothers and are finding their own way around the tree tops. With plenty of warmer weather the **Goannas** are sighted on a regular basis and plenty of those lovely **Tiger snakes** to report. **Western Pigmy** possums are rarely sighted, this little one was found living in the ivy at the office. Nesting boxes have been placed in the fenced area of the sanctuary for these tiny (rather cute) little marsupials.



The pigmy possums feed predominately on nectar. Banksias and other selected plants have been planted with an aim to attract more to the area.

Revegetation:

The Adelaide Hills school of Echunga Primary propagated over 300 Sheoak trees (*drooping sheoak*) especially for Hanson Bay Sanctuary. The seeds were collected from KI, propagated and cared for at the school. The trees were then planted by HB staff and volunteers in a protected area of the Sanctuary. Being fed by the last rains of the season they have already doubled in size. These trees in the future will provide food for the highly endangered glossy black cockatoos of KI. *Well Done Echunga Primary*

Walking Groups:

Hanson Bay offers 9,500 acres and 14km of coastline to explore. The Cabins have become a popular destination for walking groups, they make a great base, whilst exploring the tracks and trails of KI. *We can help create a walking/touring itinerary to suit the needs of your group whilst staying at HB.*

Walking groups visiting us in October were:
Wendy's walking wounded, SA.
Ron Jackson from Walking SA.
Ron Fenner from Park Trek, Vic.

Easter art Competition:

Hanson Bay are sponsors in the Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition 2008. The Exhibition is the largest art exhibition on the island and lasts for approx 2 weeks. The exhibition showcases many of KI's well known artists. For entries and more information email mchloliphant@yahoo.co.uk

New Products:

Over the past 18 months KI has seen many new and existing businesses striding ahead, this gives guests even more to do whilst visiting KI.

Fine Arts KI, a new gallery in Kingscote.

Featuring selected works from local artists, Cnr Dauncey and Commercial Streets,

Air Wilpena Scenic Flights, departing from Vivonne Bay, for scenic flights over the coast and bushland. Ph: 0427 776 561 for more info.

Raptor Domain Birds of Prey show at Vivonne Bay Outdoor Ed Centre, with hosts Dave and Leeza Irwin. *We Highly recommended it!* Ph: 08 8559 4232 for more info.

Rustic Blue Gallery, Vivonne Bay, Beautiful quality Australian photography and art work on sale. Look for the RED flag.

Highly recommended.

KI Outdoor Action, Vivonne Bay, Quad bike tours, day and dusk. Kayaks, surfboards and toboggans for hire. Ph 0428822260 for more info.

Vivonne Bay Bar and Grill,

Friday & Saturday nights, from 6pm

Great local seafood meals at affordable prices.

Ph 85594232 for bookings

All meals prepared by local KI chef Jules.

Kangaroo Island Calendar of Events 2008

February 14th – 16th

KI Cup Carnival

February 15th

Ozone Seafront Hotel Street Party

March 21st – 24th

Penneshaw Easter Art Exhibition

October 3rd – 6th

KI Art Feast – Wine, food and art

October 4th – 5th

Cape Borda Lightstation 150th Anniversary

KI Motor Fest

October 25th

Kingscote Agricultural Show

November 8th

Parndana Agricultural Show

November 21st – 23rd

KI Speed Shears Festival

Further information on 'The Calendar' contact

events@kin.net.au

****Special Accommodation Offer****

Book 4 nights accommodation and just pay for 3. Available for the Months of May & June 08, only. Only available to recipients of newsletter.

WINNERS!!

Hanson Bay Fishing Photo Competition has been won by the Heath Family..



Lachlan Heath, Declan Stimson & Brittany Heath. 2 nights Free accommodation for 2.



Runner up is Carlton Fry from Victoria. Receiving one nights accom. at HB for 2.

Photos for the WEB

If you have a favourite photo taken at HB, then share it with everyone and have it published on our web. The best one will be published in the next newsletter. *Please send your best picc to, bruce.m.jackson@bigpond.com*

Jo Tippet of Flinders Chase Café and Gift Shop is generously giving 10% discount off any items purchased in the Gift Shop. This is available to our Cabin Guests only. Another good reason to stay with us at Hanson Bay!

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