



AUTUMN - 2007

EASTER AT TOOPUNTUL ●

Good Friday is 6th April and we will be holding a social shoot and a BBQ at the tin shed that night. Will be the usual fish BBQ (and meat this year!) so please let Kate know ASAP for catering purposes. This will include a few beers and cost is \$15.00 per head. Kids free.

There will also be the inaugural shoot at the new grounds for the Balranald Field & Game held on Easter Saturday and Sunday. It will be held at the Homebush Recreation Reserve which is 25km north of Balranald and 65km from Oxley.

GUN CLUB NEWS ●

As you may be aware the Oxley Gun Club has withdrawn from the ACTA as from 30/12/2006 due to financial and administration restrictions. If you are a member of the Oxley Gun Club you need to join elsewhere.

From now on at Toopuntul any shoots held will be of a social nature only.

OH & S ●

As required by law, Toopuntul has now developed an OH&S policy. Shareholders will now read and sign off on the induction manual when visiting. This will only be done once, and will only need altering if details change. A change of significant importance is the Trip Register book located in the coolroom shed. This is to be filled out by **EVERYBODY** leaving the campground giving details of your movements around the property. As well as addressing the risk from an OH&S aspect, it helps management know where people are in case of emergencies This is an ongoing project and as you can appreciate a lot of effort goes into this so your co operation would be appreciated.

PROPERTY CONDITIONS ●

Weather conditions at Toopuntul are as per usual – very extreme. As you are aware we are in the midst of the worst drought ever. We had some rain in January and this did not help river country but did help the sorghum which had been planted in the dry lake beds in November. Without serious rain events in the catchment of the Lachlan River, it is expected to dry up again totally within

the next few months. This is the second time in 5 years that the river has dried up and the fourth time in five years that the lakes have been dry. At the moment the river is back within its banks At present we are managing to run approx 660 head of cattle. In January we preg tested and weaned and a 92% ptic was achieved. The cows have been moved up to the Lachlan country on the sorghum and the weaners are in Dry Lake on the sorghum. The empty cows and some steer weaners were sold.



Weaners grazing on sorghum in Dry Lake.



A severe duststorm taken from the Boyong mailbox looking down towards house and campground.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The grave upstream on the Murrumbidgee has been immaculately restored by Rod Jouning and his team of workers. *Thanks to Rod and team.*



The grave of Fanny Kerruish fully restored .

FISHING NEWS

The Oxley Fishing Club of which some of you are already members is now calling for new members for the purpose of re-stocking the Murrumbidgee River with fingerlings between the Maude and Redbank weirs.

Life membership is \$100 OR

Annual Fee subscription of \$20

The Oxley Fishing Club has obtained funds from the Balranald Shire. The Oxley Recreation Club and the Fishing Club have both contributed to the funding and are seeking extra contributions so we can receive dollar for dollar funding to help with this project.

For further information please contact Brian Jouning on 03 5456 4717.

PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN BY 7TH APRIL AS HE HAS TO SUPPLY DETAILS TO VARIOUS BODIES BY THEN FOR FUNDING.

BOARD NEWS

A decision reached a board level recently was to increase the power charges in the campground due to increasing overheads. New charges are:-

- Powered site incl air conditioner \$7 per day
 - Powered site no air conditioner \$6 per day
 - \$15 per month for freezer left on
 - \$20 per month for fridges left on.
- All costs gst inclusive.

SOCIAL NEWS

A very successful Calcutta was in held in November with shareholders and locals enjoying the night. Always a good night and worth putting in the diary. The total prize pool was \$6,043.00. Tickets are usually sent out for the Calcutta, so if you don't already receive some and you would like to, please contact Kate.

Eve from Boyong and Bev from Bunumburt taking care of business.



Darrin, Jim and Rob cooking BBQ at the Calcutta Night.



Bob from Oxley Station and guest enjoying the night.

Sometime this year the Oxley Recreation Club will host a Trivia Night. Last year Mick and Kate ran it to raise money for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute for cancer and this year proceeds will go to the Club, so we may be able to get a Toopuntul Table together.