



Bidgee Bulldust

March, 2013

Easter

- **Good Friday 29th April**

SOCIAL CLAY TARGET SHOOT commencing at approx. 12.30pm cost \$20.00

FISH BBQ at tin shed approx. 6.30pm. **\$15.00** per head. Meat is available for non fish eaters. No charge for small children . **BYOG** and **chairs**.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY FRIDAY 22nd MARCH AS I HAVE TO HAVE FISH ORDER IN BY THEN. THANK YOU

Needed:

1. Ladies to help prepare on Friday afternoon at approx. 1.00pm at the Tin Shed, with obligatory refreshments.
2. Treasurer at the Gun Club

- **Sunday 31st April**

EASTER EGG HUNT, CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES, DUCK RACE AND COLOURING COMPETITION.

Needed:

1. Easter egg donations and organiser
2. Organiser for games. Kate supplies prizes.
3. Organiser for colouring competition

Property Conditions

The rainfall total for 2012 to date is 287mm which is not ideal. With no follow up rains the flood was not as beneficial as we would have liked. The plains country is very dry. The Bidgee floodplain has no water outside the river and the Lachlan area has water only in the lakes. There are 1203 cattle on Toopuntul at present.

During January we mustered, weaned, treated and preg tested. 585 weaners were weighed, treated and yard weaned, feed with silage from the pits that had been harvested from Clear Lake in January 2012. 130 cull cows have been sold and weaners have not been sold to date. Thanks to our band of workers who struggled on through some fairly awful days. All cattle that were on agistment at Tupra due to the flood returned home in November.

All PTIC cows (pregnancy tested in calf) are in Nooran with PTIC maiden heifers in Woolshed. Steers and heifers are in Pump frontage.



April, 2012 - Old Irrigation in foreground and levee. House at approx. 11o'clock.



April, 2012 - The river and house

Property Improvements/ Changes

There have been major earthworks in the last month or so. The woolshed was carefully demolished with the care and respect that it deserved. The fuel shed has been moved over to the workshop. The levee bank near the workshop has been shifted to allow excess water to drain into the borrow pit and a road formed on top for traffic going up river to avoid the house/shed area. A new causeway has been constructed coming from the cattle yards so take care! This was the area that was breached by the last flood. A new road/levee has also been constructed for all traffic to the campground. This road takes off at the Toopuntul sign. At the entrance to the campground is a new **"Sign in/out Shed"**.

In future it will be:



Sign in the blue folder in to say you have arrived on the property and if you have to pick up a key it will be in the key box.



When you leave you will drop your key in the box and money in an envelope in another locked box with your name on it.



The same rule applies as before for filling out the Trip Register in the green folder when you are moving about the property. This is an important part of the health and safety requirements that is incumbent upon management to have these procedures in place (not to mention saving some long walks home if you strike trouble!). With more visits to the property by shareholders/visitors/contractors and families and it is a responsibility we all share.



On the map it will be noted if there are any parts of the property not accessible at any given time



Any other information will attempted to be put up in the shed or on the notice board at the blocks.

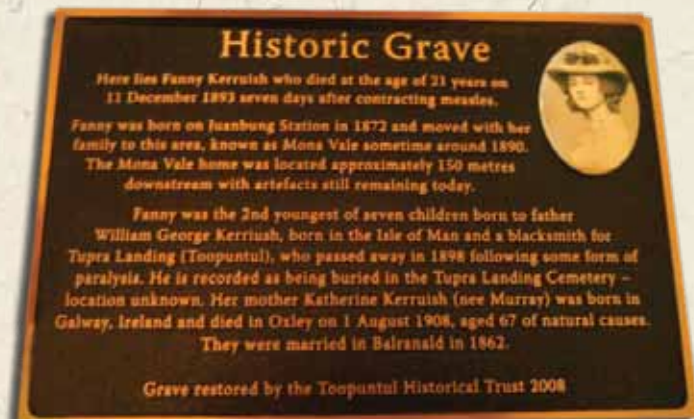
This does not take the management out of shareholder visits but can make it easier for you instead of stopping at the house you can go and unpack and leave without having to stop again at the house.

It is planned to start work on the ablution block in late April.

Tree loppers have been engaged by management to clear some very dangerous trees over huts and public areas. We attempt to take every precaution necessary for the safety of you all. The two floods really made the sub soil moist causing a lot of huge trees to fall.

Historical News

Rod Jouning has organized plaques to be made for the Blaze Tree and the Historic Grave. A lot of research and effort has gone into these and as you would agree by the photos they are magnificent. Thanks Rod.



Shareholder News

At the AGM it was raised by shareholders as to whether or not fellow shareholders information could be made available to each other. Addresses do not have to be made available, however phone numbers and email addresses could be if you agree.

Therefore, attached is a form where you can agree or disagree for this information to be given out. Please take the time to do this. It is also an opportune time to make sure all addresses, emails and phone numbers are up to date. I do the best I can to make sure things are received by email or mail outs. With email, unless it is delivered back to me for some reason I assume you have received it. I have been found in people's "spam". We do not give out information (particularly to people other than shareholders) unless we know there is a valid reason, and would certainly not divulge personal information to business

or departments without personal contact with the shareholder. Sometimes things get circulated by a convener of events (which may not necessarily be management).

I am sorry to report that one of our elder shareholders, Mr Harold (Bruce) Heppell passed away late December. Bruce visited the property last year and had transferred his share to his grandson. I am sure many of you would have enjoyed some time with Bruce over the years. He certainly enjoyed his time at Toopuntul.

At present there is one share available and a waiting list of 4 that have been approved and 4 being assessed. Please contact Rod Jouning or Management with enquiries.

It was also raised at the AGM for the pricelist to be re-circulated.

The current pricelist for shareholders/guests/visitors at Toopuntul that have been in place since 2008 are as follows:

Toopuntul Holdings Limited Fee Schedule*

	Shareholder with allocated site	Shareholder without allocated site	Guest
Definition	Includes partner & own children under 21 years & own grandchildren under 16 years	Includes partner & own children under 21 years & own grandchildren under 16 years	Includes own children under 16 years
Camping (Weekend)	20	20	50
Camping (Weekly or part thereof)	20	20	100
Hunting – Per Day	No Charge	No Charge	50 per person
Annual Site Rental (Powered)	470		
Annual Site Rental (Non-powered)	305		
Annual Continual Power Levy	120		

* Inclusive of GST.

• **A 'guest' includes two types of people. One is the shareholder's direct descendant over 21. The second one is the shareholder's visitors**

• **All shareholders pay \$20.00 per visit which includes wives, partners, children under 21 and grandchildren under 16**

I hope this is all clear. Any queries please contact us.



Photo Credit - Dutchy



December 2010



March 2012



April 2012



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