

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary

NEWSLETTER

December 2008



Dingo Sanctuary update

The Official Opening of the Dingo Sanctuary at Wirrimbirra was a successful day, with approximately 200 visitors, and those present were treated to tours of the completed part of the site. Long-time Bargo Dingo Sanctuary supporter, Margaret Fulton, was given the honour of cutting the ribbon.

Whilst we proceeded with the Official Opening, the whole dingo colony has not yet arrived and the dingo area is still not open to the public. Meanwhile, the dingoes that have been relocated have settled in well at Wirrimbirra and are being cared for by Dingo Sanctuary volunteers.

New Stead Foundation Board of Directors

At the Stead Foundation's AGM in October, the following people were elected to the Board:

President – Dennis Dutton

Vice-President – Janine Kitson

Secretary – Rae Dutton

Board members – Vince Benedetti, Jenny Birnie, John Mackie, and Margo Press.

John Cantrell, whilst not a Director, remains in the position of Honorary Company Secretary and Treasurer.

It's good to know that most of our Board members are very much hands-on volunteers at Wirrimbirra. Having Board members who are "at the coalface" and aware of the day-to-day running of the Sanctuary is a great advantage.

A BUSH CHRISTMAS at WIRIMBIRRA with the Wollondilly Country Music Club



Saturday 20th December, 7pm

* Carols * Plenty of Food * Lots of Christmas Fun *

* Santa will have treats for the kids *

There'll be a Giant Christmas Raffle with over \$2,000 worth of prizes!!
Tickets sold only at the event.

Enjoy a true-blue Aussie Christmas in the beautiful bush surrounds of Wirrimbirra.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Entry by Donation

ANDCS & STEAD FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Memberships for both the Stead Foundation and the ANDCS are due on 1st January. **LIFE MEMBERS** are also asked to complete and return a Membership form if your contact details have changed in the past 12 months and/or you have a new email address, to help us keep our membership lists accurate.

A Membership / Renewal form is included with this newsletter, so please return it as soon as possible.

NB – Stead Foundation Membership Renewal forms should be mailed to: PO Box 8, Tahmoor NSW 2573

Bushtucker and Animal Tucker at Wirrimbirra

As well as the bushtucker garden, which is doing very well at Wirrimbirra, we now have a great little vegetable patch to help feed the animals. Jenny Birnie has been tending both these gardens in recent months, and the vegies are doing so well that we are able to sell some as well. Please come and talk to Jenny to see what's available.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING at WIRIMBIRRA

Wirrimbirra's Gift Shop is only small, but it's jam-packed with a great variety of Australiana. Come in and do some of your Christmas shopping here! You can choose from a wide range of books, soft toys and puppets, key-rings, book marks, fridge magnets, hankies, puzzles, hat badges, and more. We also have a wonderful selection of Australian-made soft toys and puppets, perfect for your overseas friends, and plenty of small items suitable for taking on your next overseas trip.

Everything in our Gift Shop is very reasonably priced, and you can make your purchases in the knowledge that ALL profits are going straight back into the Sanctuary.

COMING UP AT WIRIMBIRRA

Reptile Day – Sunday 22nd February 2009

Encounter a crocodile! Pat a python!

A fun and educational day for the whole family.

*We wish everybody a very merry Christmas
and a happy and safe New Year!*

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