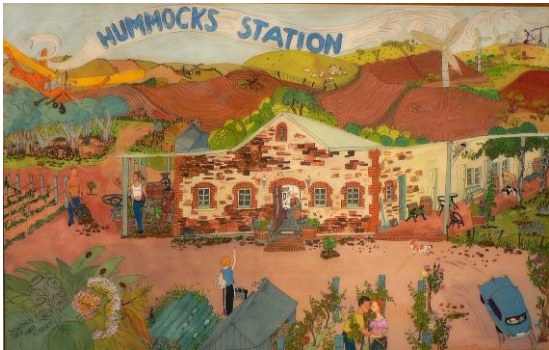


October 2008

Dear Friend of Hummocks Station

Everyone we meet feels the same.....this year is just FLYING past and for us at Hummocks Station it's been about Animals, Aviation and Art. After what I think was the coldest winter I can remember it is surprising that after only a few warm (and windy) days many crops have suffered as the green landscape changes to brown. We have heaps of news since our last eNewsletter in March. We hope you enjoy reading about Hummocks Station, especially our new discounts for repeat visits....see how you can save on your next getaway below!



If you visited our Art Gallery during SALA in August you would have seen one of Ania Herbut's latest Naïve paintings "Hummocks Station". We love it! The detail is amazing and the really remarkable thing is that it is all painted backwards onto glass.....true. If you would like to learn more about this Naïve technique or landscape painting, come to our art workshops on November 8th. Details below.

SPECIAL OFFERS: Come back for a return visit at Hummocks Station and get 20% OFF the normal rate!

Just mention this offer when you phone/email us, and tell us when you stayed here before. If you bring friends who book a room then they can get the same discount as well. Save even more by staying for 3 nights and get 50% OFF the 3rd night. We look forward to welcoming you back!

SALA (South Australia Living Artists)

Hummocks Station was a registered venue for SALA Festival for the first time in August this year, and it was a fantastic experience. Local artists Marek and Ania Herbut combined with Stefan Maguran and George Pivas and provided over 50 art works. Also on display was pottery from Chris Guthleben of The Fig Tree, Kangaroo Island. Rob Johnston, from Country Arts SA opened the exhibition, which was also previewed by accommodation guest Russell Starke of Greenhill Galleries. We are thrilled that Russell has asked both Marek and Chris to exhibit their work with them next year!! The next exhibition at Hummocks Station starts November 1st -30th, opening each Fri, Sat & Sun 11-5 (closed Sunday Nov 16th for private function) and by appointment other times. There are 2 workshops, Naïve Art 9am -12 noon and Landscape Art 2pm - 5pm, both on Saturday November 9th at \$60 each session. Only 4 places left phone or Email info@hummocks-station.com.au to book your place. Accommodation and meal packages from \$65 twin share.

Hosted the inaugural Foxbat Flyin June 14 & 15th

"Foxbat Fleet Flies to Hummocks Station" was an article in both the *Recreational Aviation Australia, Sept 08 and Pacific Flyer, October 08 magazines*, and showcased our weekend aviation activities nationwide. The Plains Producer newspaper reported "Flying Foxbats swoop on Hummocks Station" and the local "Snowtown's View" had a report! Unfortunately the weather conditions interstate kept our Victorian flyers grounded, and caused some locals to arrive either by road or air the next day. The weekend was still a great success with over 60 attending and 32 staying on for the fun filled dinner in the function rooms on the Saturday night. The talk wasn't just kept to "planespeak", as a group had visited the nearby Clare Valley wineries in the afternoon, and discussions soon turned to which red was best....

WE have also-

- Welcomed Snowtown Red Cross for their Regional AGM, with approx 80 ladies from the Mid North attending for the day. Comments (despite the howling winds and rain) were positive, with attendees commenting "best venue ever" as well as praising the art work. We know the warmth and ambience from the pot belly heating and the sumptuous home made cooking kept many contented during the successful forum.
- Had front page photos (taken by yours truly) of the Snowtown Wind Farm, and the Paint the Sky Festival at Snowtown oval published in the Plains Producer newspaper. Also had aerial windfarm photo in Wakefield Council's June 2008 Development Brief. All photos were taken from Foxy Lady, our Foxbat aircraft piloted by Roger.....he can't take photos of these magnificent structures AND fly the plane at the same time! We love looking at them, but when you get close you can really understand just how BIG they are! If you would like an aerial photo we have taken of the windfarm please contact us.
- Hummocks Station has won another award! We have now added a framed Jim Barry 2008 Clare Valley Regional Tourism Award to the function room walls. Looks great amongst the art work!
- Sponsored accommodation prizes in 5th Annual Yorke Peninsula "Boat Load of Fun", Snowtown Hotel Darts Club and the Snowtown Red Cross Raffle; Snowtown and Blyth Netball Club; Jamestown Flyin, and Bungaree Station's fundraiser raffle for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We always enjoy meeting the people who have won these prizes as well as helping the local charities and clubs.
- Enjoyed the company of the Clare Sports Car Club for a casual lunch. The lawned area was a spectacular site as the proud car owners lined up their impressive vintage vehicles which included a Jaguar Mk10, Porsche 356, MGTC, Triumph Stag and an MGB. Seems Hummocks Station provided the ideal spot for a day's touring.
- The restoration of the cobblestones on the eastern verandah has taken much longer than we thought. But the project is nearly completed and looks beautiful. The newly planted glory vines on each verandah post are

sprouting leaves, and it won't be long before they start climbing up the posts, making the view over the recently landscaped area on the eastern side even more scenic. Especially as we seem to have a family of 4 kangaroos living in the creek area. I love watching them on the go as they effortlessly jump the fences. A recent guest was utterly delighted to open their door and see their first kangaroo in Australia.

- Hummocks Station has decided to assist the Wildlife Rescue Snowtown. The service is run by a very dedicated couple, Lorraine and Sammy, who retrieve and care for sick, injured and displaced wild animals with the aim of returning them to the wild when possible. "It's not unusual" as Tom Jones would sing, for Lorraine to be bottle, and sometimes even syringe feeding tiny wallabies weighing only 300grams, at 2 or 3am, 7 days a week. Hummocks Station is helping them establish a "Friends of Wildlife Rescue" where for a small donation, individuals or families and groups, can sponsor a particular animal, or just join and visit their friends. Lorraine will be guest speaker at a ladies dinner on November 20th at Hummocks Station. 3 courses for \$18. To book, or more information on the dinner please ring Sally 88652013 or contact Hummocks Station. To learn how you can help or sponsor a tawny frog moth or boobook owl, kangaroo, wallaby, turtle, woylie, bats and MORE, phone Lorraine on 88652024



Can YOU help Wildlife Rescue Snowtown?

.Sew pouches already cut ready for the baby joeys
. Help with book keeping. Lorraine is a wiz with animals but not numbers! Volunteer a couple of hours per week
.donations of apples, carrots, grain always appreciated
.Help supply the huge amount of tissues, and washing powder (for front loader machine) the list is endless.....
Photo of tawny frog mouth owls, sitting so still I thought they were wood carvings!

Favourite new quotes from guests at Hummocks Station

- **"Thank you Merry, Roger, Bella & Spice Girl. Your warm welcome and cosy accommodation was great. Great country getaway!"** Bill & Belynda, South Africa April 2008
- **"Thank you so much for the cosy rooms, warmest of welcomes and a perfect peaceful haven"** Nada, Pt Elliot; Rosemary, UK; Adrienne, Chilliwack ,BC, Canada July 2008
- **"Thanks for the wonderful experience and treating me like one of the family"** Barry, Rose Bay, August 08
- **"What a beautiful property you have. All the personal touches, delicious brekkie provisions, our personalised little welcome sign at the door & the Cavaliers to greet us made our stay even more enjoyable. We will be seeing you again!"** Hannah & Nick Oct 08
- **"Great surroundings, beautiful dogs, enjoyed the Foxbat flight. Recommend to anybody"** Renee, Neil; Annette & David, Oct 2008

Flying

Winter is usually good flying time and we try to get away when we can. We attended the Jamestown Flyin for a day out, and as usual were in awe of the landscape from only 500 feet up. The flight over the 45 Km Spencer Gulf to the Agfair at Cleve was also memorable. As a safety measure, we flew high at 8500 feet (in case of engine failure we knew we would glide to land with the 10 metre wingspan of the Foxbat). What Roger didn't tell me is that the outside air temperature drops approx 2 degrees C each 1000 feet as you climb and we only started out with 8 degrees! Yes it was quite chilly for a short while despite the heater! The view made up for it with the amazing colours and markings of the submerged land as we neared the coastline. Another flight to Broken Hill was also spectacular to see the arid patterns on the barren and harsh landscape underneath us. Seeing the goats and sheep from down low is also remarkable with the unrivalled visibility from the Foxbat...no wonder they are becoming popular for mustering!

The Vineyard has had more rain than it can remember from recent winters. The new growth on the canes is looking green and lush. We are hoping for more rain yet but things are turning brown very quickly. We attended a Biodynamic Farming Seminar at a nearby property where Brian & Steph Kreig have adopted biodynamic principles on their farm, and are now reaping great results. We are hoping to implement these principles in the vineyard. We have replanted some Petit Verdot that didn't survive the heat and drought of last summer, and we are hoping for more rain soon to get them established.

Roger & I hope to see you back, maybe with some friends, to enjoy Hummocks Station hospitality again soon. If you have a special event or just want to getaway, please contact us. Our next enewsletter will be in March 2009. If you do not want to receive any more eNewsletters please send a return email with Unsubscribe in the subject line.

Warmest Regards
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