

TODMORDEN'S WEBSITE LAUNCH

Todmorden Cattle Company officially launched their new website this quarter. www.todmorden.com.au is now online. Staff and friends of Todmorden are encouraged to go online and check out the site and its features. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated, please email your comments to douglas@todmorden.com.au

PHILLIP'S TRIPLE PURSUIT

We wish Phillip Jarloyan all the best on his holiday back to the Philippines to visit family and friends, including one very special person indeed! We also congratulate Phillip on receiving his Permanent Resident Visa and his South Australian driver's licence. WOW what a month for the Outback man!

CESSNA SOLD!!!

We say goodbye to Douglas's old Cessna 182 and hello to the new model. Don't forget to bring your favourite CD's along for the ride because the new "SkyLane" comes with onboard CD Player and GPS mapping system



Douglas Lillecrapp with his previous Cessna 182

MUSEUM BLESSED

On December 11th 2004, (Tim Gentle's birthday), Bishop Eugene Hurley and Father CJ officially blessed Todmorden's Museum. Father Chris (CJ) O'Neil told us that the Bishop would never forget his visit to Todmorden. The museum will persevere many items from a bygone era.



L-R Bishop Hurley, Tim Gentle, Kylie Bismire & Father CJ

ELECTRONIC NLIS EAR TAGS

As of the 1st January 2004 National Livestock Electronic Identification System commenced. All cattle have to be tagged with an electronic ear tag so that they can be traced through the food chain process. Australia places huge emphasis on producing disease free beef and the NLIS provides a credible, accountable trace back system to the original producer.

SOLAR HERE TO STAY

During 2004 Todmorden became even more eco-friendly by installing four new Solar Powered Pumping Systems at Kelpie Bore, Midway Bore, Annabel's Bore & Gypsum Dam. Annabel's bore is 100 metres deep, a fair depth for a solar pumping system. So the good news is we are slowly saying goodbye to rattling engines, oil and grease!



Chris Blackmore installing solar panels at Gypsum Dam

Those interested in solar pumping systems can contact Chris Blackmore at blackmoresws@bigpond.com

TODMORDEN RENOVATIONS

In between cattle work, all hands at Todmorden undertook renovations to the meat room, store and laundry. To oversee the project was Roger, a carpenter from Adelaide. He was accompanied by his wife Jan. The renovated meat room is now a pleasure to work in – so much MORE room.

ILUA SIGNING 14th March 2004

After two years of negotiations, Todmorden made the history books by becoming the first Pastoral Lease in South Australia to sign an "Indigenous Land Use Agreement" (ILUA). It is an agreement between the Native Title holders, Pastoral Lessees and SA Government that allows the Yankunytjatjara / Antakringa people to continue with their traditional activities on Todmorden. Furthermore it also recognizes the pastoral rights of the Todmorden lessees



Gordon & Douglas Lillecrapp signing the agreement at Appatinna

Douglas said "We feel today should be a testimony to the good relations which have existed for the past 42 years between Yankunytjatjara / Antakringa People and ourselves. This is a celebration of the continuation of these good relations for generations to come"

SEASONAL CONDITIONS

January 2004 witnessed 8 days straight of temperatures over 40C. February continued to be hot with some days still reaching 46C. It was a very long hot dry summer with only 24.2 millimetres falling in six different falls between 1st January 2004 and 30th April 2004. Winter rains did arrive with 22.4 millimetres in May to be followed by 42.2 millimetres in June. This greatly improved the feed situation and the cattle. A further 44.2 millimetres fell at the end of September, which also provided some benefit. By the end of the year most cattle remain in good condition with most dams having a reasonable supply of water. It is hoped that the summer of 2005 will bring on good rains to stimulate grass growth again.

OLD BLUEY DUNNE RETIRES

On 21 January 2005 a funeral was held at Oodnadatta to reflect on the life and tales of Francis Roy (Bluey) Dunne ,who passed away just before Christmas .Bluey spent time as a Contract Fencer at Todmorden during the 1980's. Douglas was asked to say a few words at his funeral. Douglas reflected on a few memorable moments, whilst he was here. From all of us at Todmorden, we'll never forget old Bluey and what he brought to Todmorden and the Oodnadatta area.

EMPLOYEES MOVEMENT 2004

| IN | OUT |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Kylie Bismire | Clarrie Warren |
| Tim Gentle | Roland Neyer |
| Allan Akbar | Michael Newman |
| Phillip Jarloyan | Jacinto Taran |
| Alexis Yu | Andries Visagie |
| Jonathon Florendo | Tom Coats |
| Dennis Walkington | |

GORDON HONOURED

Gordon Lillecrapp was honoured by the Oodnadatta Racing & Gymkhana Club when he was presented with his Life Membership. Gordon has been involved in the club for over 40 years and was well deserving of the recognition. Gordon recently jumped back in the saddle and conducted the official head count of the cattle for the Hooves and Horns Cattle Drove down the Oodnadatta Track. www.williamcreekevents.com



Gordon Lillecrapp receiving his Life Membership medallion from Tony Williams the President of the Oodnadatta Racing & Gymkhana Club

STAFF BOOK STATION HANDS

Two final year Physiotherapy students from the University of SA completed a Staff Handbook – Station Hands as part of their studies. Dr Rose Boucaut of the School of Health Sciences supervised Monica Toohey and Robyn Ivett to undertake the project. It is a very valuable working document and will be greatly appreciated by all of us at Todmorden.