

## WELCOME

Welcome to the March 2009 edition. If there is any information you would like to share with your fellow members please email [djbenda@internode.on.net](mailto:djbenda@internode.on.net)

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## FARR CHRISTMAS DINNER 2008

It seems such a long time ago but the FARR Association held their annual Christmas dinner on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

Although numbers were down a little from last year those that attended enjoyed the wonderful spread of food, drink and conversation.

Father Christmas and his quite fetching elf helper were kept busy handing out the usual eclectic array of gifts, no rectal thermometer this year (you had to be there) but plenty of other useful things.

This event is always a great one to get to and should be on all members' calendar for this coming year's event.

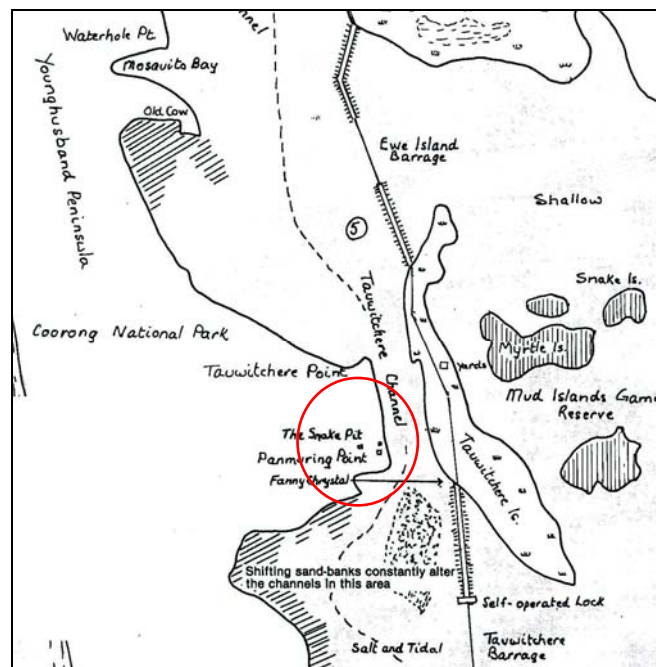
## DATES TO REMEMBER 2009-2010

Mannum Farravaners	April 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> 2009
Guest Speaker at the BSYC	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2009

## COORONG ADVENTURE JANUARY 2009

A chance over the summer holidays to muck about in boats led to a good turnout of Farr Association members to enjoy the wilds of the "snake pit" in the Coorong NP. Those intrepid members who made the journey included, Brad Briggs and Rosemary Sage, John and Angela Roodhouse, Flip and Jan Phillips, Ian, Ally, Eleanor and Mark Fulton, Peter and Jane Mitchell, David, Barbara, Sam and Tom Benda and others (names that unfortunately I missed).

A variety of boats including Farr's, a Duncanson, runabouts, river boats and a sailing dingy arrived either via the specially manned Goolwa lock or at a very busy Mundoo ramp.



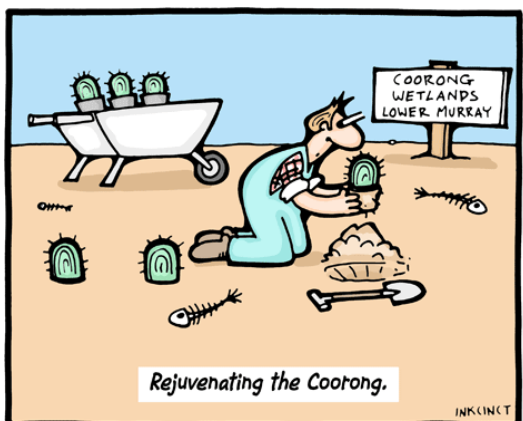
Members began arriving on New Year's Day greeted by slightly cooler but never the less sunny weather. A combination of day trippers and overnighters filled the narrow beach pulling their boats up against the sand with



some spending the nights on their boats and others camping in tents.

Lazing about chatting, eating and drinking or some token exercise thrown in by way of splashing about in the water or walking through the bush to Dodd's Homestead, a small farmhouse constructed from the ballast bricks brought out in the grain ships of old and looking quite out of place in the otherwise empty landscape was a relaxing way to spend the time. Those wanting to expend a bit more effort by following the bush track through to the top of the sand hills were treated to an expansive view along the Coorong, Tauwichee Barrage and an increasingly distant Lake Albert.

With so many attending, it was a case of musical chairs in the Farr Association sun shelter, which by Saturday was needed as with the sun beating down it got quite hot. There was even talk of dipping into the Association coffers again to purchase another if this number attended again.



We intended to spend a few days but due to a problem with our boat, overheating issues with its engine, meant it was just a daytrip for us in the old Caribbean. Weather permitting we will be back in Easter.

David, Barbara, Sam and Tom

## FARRAVANNERS' MANNUM WEEKEND

The upcoming Anzac weekend (also the last few days of the school holidays) will see Farr members descend on the Mannum Caravan Park for a weekend of fun and friendship. At the time of writing there was 13 bookings confirmed in a combination of cabins and caravan sites

Events planned include; a blind tasting session organised by our Secretary, Simon Thiele which will include selected volunteers donning blindfolds and rendered only with their senses of smell, taste and humor to work out what's a white from a red, and maybe good from bad. To demonstrate that

the Farr Association is an inclusive bunch we will have a special category (non alcoholic?) for those under thirteen to show the adults how it is really done.

Other events include dinner on the Saturday night, water-sports with at least one sailing dingy and a tender confirmed as starters, as well as the more leisurely pursuits of socialising, bike riding or walking the heritage trails to take in the sights and sounds of Mannum.

With a good turnout already confirmed it's not too late to book a site or cabin at the caravan park, Purnong Road Mannum (08) 8569 1402 or across the road at the Mannum Motel (08) 8569 180 and join us for a fun weekend.

## AN UPDATE ON THE VISIT THE GIPPSLAND LAKES – MARCH 2009

Three Farr's from SA made the trip to the Gippsland Lakes in late March. John and Rosemary, Peter and Angela and George and Marion will be trailering their boats for two days before launching into the lakes.

I am hoping that the group will provide us with stories and pictures for the next issue of the Farr Cry.

## EMERITUS PROFESSOR ROGERS REES GUEST SPEAKER IN MAY

May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club is the place to be to hear emeritus Professor Roger Rees discuss the role of laughter and humour in medicine and the benefits of sailing for brain injured patients amongst other topics. We would love to see as many members attend what will be a memorable evening with a delicious dinner on offer.

Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club  
6:30pm for 7:00pm Dinner

To assist the caterers please let Rosemary or John McKenzie know if you will be attending on 8362 3566, 0409 675 361 or email at [jandrmck@bigpond.com](mailto:jandrmck@bigpond.com).

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