**WELCOME**

Welcome from the new editors of the Farr Association Magazine, David Benda and Barbara Wills. New members to the association, David is on the committee and Barbara is providing the artwork for the new look Newsletter. If there is any information you would like to share with your fellow members please email us at [djbenda@internode.on.net](mailto:djbenda@internode.on.net)

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hello everyone. Those who did not attend the AGM missed out on the good fellowship of Farr members as well as the good food and the ambience of Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

Members at the AGM expressed an interest in having a few more social activities and we have arranged at night out at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club on 21 September 2007 with dinner and a guest speaker. More details on Page 2.

The challenges we have are the lack of water in the Murray especially at Goolwa - the water depth is alright in the channels for sailing it is in the entrances to some of the creeks were it might become interesting. The locks at both Goolwa and Tauwither are still closed because of the low water levels leaving access to the Coorong from either Mundoo channel or Beacon 19.

With an early Easter this year a cruise to Charles Irwin's property, Riverside, or maybe to the Coorong is planned again depending on the river levels, more details to follow.

Next year a trip to the Gippsland Lakes with our boats is planned to coincide with the SA school holidays. If you haven't been before give it some thought. It's a two day tow and we usually stay in Ballarat overnight to help break the drive.

The Farravaners will be out in October off to Clare riding the Riesling Trail - tasting wine and having a jolly

good time. We are staying at the Clare Caravan Park more info in this newsletter.

The calendar still has a few spaces so if any member has ideas on activities that they want to see please contact and we can discuss at the committee meeting.

We have a new Editor for the Farr Cry, David Benda ably assisted by Barbara. David's email address is in this newsletter and would like any stories or information you may have. It is hard being editor when you don't have much material, people are interested in your stories so please share them and they do not necessarily have to do with sailing.

We all look forward to a great 2007/2008 season.

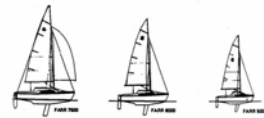
Peter Roodhouse

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Nautical History talk at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club</b>	21 September 2007
<b>Farravaners weekend at Clare</b>	26 – 28 October 2007
<b>Christmas Party - GRYC</b>	2 December 2007
<b>Cruise from Goolwa Details to be advised</b>	January 2008
<b>Show and tell Breakfast in the Botanic Gardens</b>	February 2008
<b>Easter Cruise to the Coorong or Riverside</b>	21 March 2008
<b>Gippsland Lakes Cruise</b>	14 April 2008
<b>Farr Association Dinner</b>	May 2008

**OFFICE BEARERS 2007/2008**

The Farr Association AGM was held on the 5 August 2007 at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club from 11am. A short meeting commenced and office bearers nominated as follows:



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David & Libby Murphy  
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Rosemary Sage

**Measurer**  
Brad Briggs  
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Congratulations to all nominated members.

The Treasurers' Report was read and it was agreed that the association was in a sound financial position, consequently it was decided that the membership subs be left at \$30 for Farr owners and \$20 for associates.

For those present it was an opportune time to pay this years subs, for those that couldn't attend or didn't pay on the day could you complete the enclosed membership form and forward with your payment to John McKenzie, 138 Sixth Ave Royston Park SA 5070.

Farr Association trophy winners from the Milang/Goolwa Yacht Race 2007 were announced and presented to those there.

After the official proceedings were completed a ham and salad lunch with a great selection of deserts was enjoyed by all.

## THE NAUTICAL HISTORY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2007

A presentation will be held at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Seacliff, from 6.30pm - 7.00pm. Guest speaker will be Ken Dunk on the Nautical History of South Australia.

For those who wish to dine, meals need to be booked with prices ranging from \$15 - \$18.

RSVP Simon and Robin Thiele by 17 September 2007 on 8272 0551 or Email asathiele@internode.on.net.

Peter Roodhouse

### FARRAVANERS WEEKEND



We have planned a weekend at Clare Caravan Park, phone 8842 2724, from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October 2007.

A group of sites has been temporarily booked and to secure one you will need to confirm your own booking with the park quoting Rosemary McKenzie and the Farr Boat Club. Unfortunately all the park cabins are booked for this weekend but there are Riesling Trail Cottages and the Clare Valley Motel nearby. Ring the Information Centre re accommodation on 1800 242 131

We can relax and enjoy walking, wineries, scenic drives, bike riding and the Riesling Trail and get together for meals. Look forward to seeing you for this weekend.

Any queries contact Rosemary McKenzie on 8362 3566.

Rosemary McKenzie

### OUR FARR

Being the newest members of the Farr Association we thought we would introduce ourselves to the rest of the members and what better way than by becoming editor of the newsletter.

With a 5 day working week, 2 young children and Saturdays and Sundays working on the farm we seldom had the opportunity to get away. However on occasions when we could grab an afternoon off we would drive down from Echunga to Goolwa and grab a coffee and



snack at Aquacafé. From Olaf's deck we would watch the "lucky ones" on their trailer sailers tacking back and forth on the pond.

Having done a little bit of crewing on trailer sailers in the early nineties we decided that if we ever did sell the farm that this was a pastime that we would like to get into. Eventually after 10 years on our 40 acre property we took the plunge sold the farm and decided to take it a bit easier and move to Goolwa North.

I always liked the look of the Farr 6 and everything that I had read convinced me that this would be a safe and comfortable boat for the family. - now to get one! But from where? I couldn't find one in Adelaide so off to the Internet.

We looked at a couple in Victoria and had details sent to us but they both looked a little tired. Then I found a privately advertised one, *Prefarrential*, in Epping, Sydney one of the later ones built by Sea Nymph. A few phone calls, emails back and forth and finally a deposit sent over we where off in the Discovery to New South Wales on a family holiday come boat pickup.

After a two day drive stopping overnight in Wagga Wagga we arrived in Sydney Sunday afternoon, drove straight to Epping, everything checked out as we had hoped, deal done then off to our accommodation.

We stayed for 3 days in a very nice and affordable guest house in Kirribilli 100 metres from the harbour and ferry terminal. What a wonderful resource those Sydney siders have in the harbour. We spent just about all our time either walking around it or being ferried over it in perfect weather.



I was tempted to pop the boat in for our first launch but Barbara suggested given lack of experience the lower reaches of the Murray River at Goolwa may be slightly less congested.

We left Sydney on the Thursday and travelled back to Adelaide over 3 days stopping at caravan parks on the way, Farravaners without knowing it.

A few weeks of cleaning, sanding, polishing and painting and *Prefarrential* was moved to its berth at Hindmarsh Island Marina in front of the tavern. While we intended to use our boat frequently in reality we don't get out nearly enough but we do enjoy the opportunity just to go and sit on it and plan the next adventure.

David Benda, Barbara, Sam and Tom

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## BOAT ACCESS CRISIS AT GOOLWA

BY KELLY ROBINSON

GOOLWA - Goolwa boaties will be left high and dry this summer unless river levels rise, or the Barrage Road boat ramp is extended. The bleak outlook was delivered to the Alexandrina Council at its meeting on Monday.

The council's operations manager, Simon Grenfell, said with river levels expected to drop in the coming summer months, all Goolwa ramps into the river will become inaccessible. "Due to the low river levels the boat ramp will be basically unusable," said Mr Grenfell.

"It's virtually our only public boat ramp in the area." The council's engineering and infrastructure services department employed Terry Magryn and Associates to design an extension of the Barrage Road boat ramp to maintain river access.

The project would include dredging up to one metre of sand from the river bed, extending the ramp with precast concrete panels by 13 metres and installing large sandbags on the southern end of the ramp to stop the ramp silting up. The project cost has been estimated at \$105,000. There was no money put aside in council's 2007/08 budget to accommodate the cost of the project.

At its last meeting, the council agreed to support the project in principle, subject to co-funding opportunities. Although the council agreed to support the ramp, councillors were still cautious about the project.

"It's a lot of money to spend when it might be restricted in the long run with lower river levels," said Councillor Trent Rusby. Council officers are currently investigating grant funding for the project from the state and federal governments.

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## SIMPSON DESERT TREK – THE ROAMING ROODHOUSES' REPORTING

This was our first trip with Friends of the Simpson (FOS) to the working bee in the Simpson. We normally go bush with our off road camper so we can be generous with what we take away and space saving is not so important but it wasn't coming with us this trip. Preparation for the trip was an exercise in space utilization and fortunately we had some guidance from Alan and Lorraine on what we should consider taking with us. The Disco had the back seats removed so that we could store bedding pillows etc behind the front seats which we covered with a Milford cargo net fitted to the cargo barrier and the back of the front seats. We made a holder for the four jerry cans of water, with a shelf on top for storage boxes.

We had two or three trial packs to see if everything would fit and be accessible it all seemed to work. The extras were on the roof rack, spare tyre, wood and tent poles.

We left Adelaide on the Friday morning with a morning tea break at Port Wakefield then pressed onto Woomera to stay at the Eldo Motel which was good. We had tea in the hotel and Angela remarked how many men there were, was not sure of that statement, (an army plane had broken down so all these soldiers were staying the night).

Next it was off to Oodnadatta stopping in Coober Pedy. The trip across the moon plains makes you start to realize what a large country we live in.

That night we stayed in the campground behind the Pink Roadhouse, we thought we had better try out the tent and sleeping mats before we reached the point of no return! All went well we had tea at the Transcontinental Hotel and the walked back to the tent.

We arrived at Dalhousie in the mid afternoon after negotiating various detours around ponded water on the track. Most people were already camped when we arrived so we settled in and got setup.

Saturday night was a get together to organize work teams and who was doing what. The weather was warm so the mossies were out in force, you just had to cover up and put on repellent.

Angela and I were in the team that stayed at Dalhousie for the first week, planting trees, tidying up and

conducting visitor surveys. Sunday was declared a day of rest, so people went walking, swimming in the spring and generally relaxing. Monday saw the desert group leave. We went for a drive to Mt Dare stopping along the way to look at various weeds, we returned to Dalhousie via the Bloods Creek Rd stopping at various point of interest.

The rest of the week was involved in planting trees at Dalhousie and Breakfast Creek as well as the visitor survey and generally tidying up. We also went to Dalhousie ruins to photograph the cattle yards, and remove the Jose Feliciano bushes in the creek near the ruins very prickly!



*The old cattle yards*

We all left Dalhousie at the end of the week and headed to Purni Bore to meet the other team and change over tasks. While we were at Purni we put up some interpretive signs by the shelter explaining how the bore originated and what wildlife you might see. We stayed two nights and had a games night on the Saturday evening.

Monday our group headed off to the desert to dig mole holes, one at the top one in the middle and the last at the bottom, these were done every five kilometres or so with the positions noted on a GPS. We dug lots of holes!

On Thursday we drove back to Dalhousie to meet the others leaving the rest to fill in the mole holes.

Friday morning it was time to head back to Adelaide staying the night in Coober Pedy at the Mud Motel. A bed, shower and a meal in the restaurant.

Saturday we continued our drive through to Adelaide and home. We thoroughly enjoyed our time there and plan to be back next year.

Peter & Angela Roodhouse