

2005 Chairman's Annual Report

It is my pleasure to present this report for 2005.

Thuruna has consolidated this year with some goals achieved and more importantly many campers appreciating the rest that Thuruna offers and perhaps as our vision statement hopes, meeting God in a meaningful way.

Thanks mainly to the efforts of Joy Hancock we have survived the transition to owning a website. www.thuruna.com.au where the public can log on to see the buildings, discover the coastline, choose their bed, calculate the value and contemplate emailing our booking agent to enjoy Thuruna.

With Eyre Presbytery disbanding to make way for a state Presbytery we are no longer answerable to familiar faces. However, Thuruna has the infrastructure and the experience to earn its place among the best church campsites in SA and can confidently anticipate a successful working relationship within the new framework.

Brenton Jolly provided the equipment and professional expertise to lead a three-day working bee to paint the exterior of the Complex and Cottage. Thank you Ben Pugsley who assisted committee members. The colour scheme, well chosen by Carin Haldane has blended our campsite perfectly with its surroundings and visually finished off the Complex extension and Cottage renovation. The cost of this project was just over \$3,200 with the help of volunteer labour, and the UCA gift funding of \$2,500 to offset this was greatly received.

Grant approvals help us continue to upgrade and UCA gift funding for 2006 of \$5,600 will help us re-floor the Complex verandah.

The driveway and parking area to Hamilton Cottage has improved its privacy aspect as has the walkway ramp on the northern side but a dividing fence or wall has to be completed to separate the two buildings.

We are delighted to have made voluntary repayments totalling \$4,500 to Synod with respect to the \$20,000 loan for the Cottage renovation and trust we can continue this rate of repayment.

Other new additions including a stove in the Cottage, double/single combination bunks, single bunks, mattresses, volleyball hooks in the games room, electrical improvements and a pictorial advert in the "EP Secrets Guide" are all indicators of on-going progress.

This year along with replacing the guttering, fitting a rainwater pump to the Cottage and the purchase of a fire-fighting pump, we need to investigate plans to upgrade the Complex kitchen. We also need to continue advertising as many Eyre Peninsula people remain unaware of our facilities.

We record the passing of Edith Gregurke and acknowledge her long service and well remember her and Bill's commitment to Thuruna.

Thank you to all committee members who work together to ensure Thuruna's best interests. Thank you to Graham and Jeanette for handling the bookings and finances so well, Robert and Sue as always are our excellent caretakers and Janet who maintains the secretarial duties well. Thank you to Geoff and Kath who fulfil a vital role on standing committee and closely oversee every aspect of business.

I wish all office-bearers and committee members a rewarding 2006.