



Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers

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Port Macquarie and Camden Haven

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Congratulations! Our 25th anniversary celebrations in Hastings & Macleay were a huge success, with memorabilia on display and wonderful moments and memories captured on camera.

Di's Soapbox



When Shirley Barnes and I took on organizing the celebrations, Club North Haven had just started their renovations. We knew it'd be a year before we could confirm a date. Club North Haven offered to host, promote and advertise, if we could wait. It seemed then so far in the future and we wanted to get on with it. By setting up the Linedance Reunion page on FaceBook, we were able to use that time to constantly keep you in touch with what was happening, and post photos taken locally over the 25 years. I know you don't all have computers or smart phones, but your family would probably have a look for you if you ask them. Local libraries also will show you how to access our website. Thank you all for your photos and the work you put into making this a success. Thanks also to Shirley's daughter in law Diane for acting as additional administrator. Her FaceBook knowledge was invaluable.

Our newsletter is our archive of where we've been and what we're doing. I have all 108 issues backed up, which was handy for recent reference. I'll try to be brief but need to add 25th highlights. We had interstate visitors as well as locals we hadn't seen in a while. To name a few, it was exciting to see Anne McCool, Beryl Brillley, Dorothy Rea, Gloria Caswell, Marie Griffin, as well as others who previously danced at our many venues. Also there were Robyn Ward (Sawtell RSL), Mona Hoy (Nambucca) Peter Willis (Taree), Di Roods (HUB), Pearl Mansfield (Hunter), Barbara Ayton (Barbwire Boogie mid-late 1990s), Fay Barnes (Hervey Bay). Group photos were taken of everyone, with lots of laughter and noisy fun.

Loas Haydec of Holiday Coast Bootscooters, Nambucca Heads was honoured for her commitment to linedance for the longest continuous time. Loas is over 90, still dancing and has danced for 24 years, including many competitions. Robyn Ward is longest serving instructor in the area, over 25 years. Although based in Nambucca, she also taught at Kempsey and Kundabung. Annie Bradbury, guest of honour, presented several awards. She drove down from Hervey Bay and back the following day for her own Monday classes!

Renowned DJ Ian Duke from Newcastle kept our day moving along nicely as **independent official**. Ian rang to ask if I needed any help. Of course, I said 'yes'! We thought it was important for me not to officiate as the 25th celebrations were for all groups. Ian later surprised everyone again by walking in the door at Kempsey Heights for the Macleay event. Many there hadn't met him and he certainly left a lasting impression! We revised dances in class in the lead-up months and I was proud of the way you handled it all on the day. (It's normal at socials not to walk through dances, although at our own I do where I think it's needed.) Kenneth Shaw recently presented us with a professionally produced video of both events.

'United We Stand' was our theme as we're all united in our love of Linedance. We relearned Tracie Lee Murray's dance of the same name. It was appropriate as the dance was originally written for a cancer benefit and March was chosen for our event to coincide with the first anniversary of Jan Wyllie's death. We've all been touched by cancer and we took the opportunity to remember friends we've lost over the years.

Closing this on a happier note, we had many emails congratulating us. Tracie Lee wrote:

'Way to go Hastings, HUGE congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. Wishing you all a fabulous day of dancing, reliving some great memories and making some new ones. Remember, you don't stop dancing because you grow old.. You grow old because you stop dancing! Lots of love Tracie

We've also been busy with a fun St Pat's Day social with Kempsey at Kundabung, of course Easter and more recently, our Op Shop Top themed social at Telegraph Pt. More good times dancing with friends.

Congratulations to our Tuesday girls, esp Sophie, who recently found a large diamond on the Rotary hall floor. Management found the owner who called at the hall to pick it up. Barely a thank you, no offer of reward, not even a card in the mail! Sophie didn't mind, she said it was just the right thing to do and she was happy to find the owner. So, from all of us Sophie, a big THANK YOU for being such a beautiful person.

Happy Dancing.

Di xx 25 April 2018

BEGINNERS .. NEW & CONTINUING

NO I DON'T, YES I DO
 I LOVE A RAINY NIGHT
 PRINCE CHARMING WALTZ
 CUNNAMULLA STRUT
 PLAYING EVERY HONKY TONK
 + revision from 2018 Beginner CD28B



INTERMEDIATE..

SWEET HURT.. Ria Vos, NL
 KAW-LIGA.. Di Andrews, Port Macquarie
 TIGHTROPE.. Maggie Gallagher, UK
 LONELY LADY.. Gordon Elliott, Syd

(NB this is to mid April only... not as many new dances this time, due to extra revision for our 25th)

EASY CLASSICS HALF HOUR - TUESDAY ONLY

RENDEVOUS.. Jan Wyllie
 COME DANCE WITH ME
 SPEAK TO THE SKY
 SMOKEY PLACES
 FLY LIKE A BIRD
 ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK
 One retaught each week.. then one wall walk through.

2 WAYS TO LOOK AT LIFE

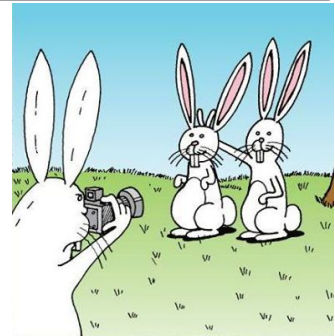


After Hours Emergency

A doctor answered the phone and heard the voice of a colleague say "we need a fourth for poker". "I'll be right over," said the doctor. As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh, yes," the doctor answered gravely. "In fact there are three doctors there already."

THEODOR SEUSS GIESEL

He said, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."



ALL LEVELS .. CURRENT SPLIT FLOORS

Intermediate / beginner

WALK ON / **ROCKET TO THE SUN**
 WEST TEXAS WALTZ / **WALTZ OF TEARS**
 BRING DOWN THE HOUSE / **MAMMA MARIA**
 LIKE SHE'S NOT YOURS / **LITTLE RHUMBA**
 A WALTZ FOR MEGAN / **WALTZ OF TEARS**
 JAMBALAYA / **EASY JAMBALAYA**
 THE WIRE / **ROCKET TO THE SUN**
 OVER THE RAINBOW SWING / **RUB IT IN**
 PATIENT HEART / **MOONSHINE MOLLY'S**

Split floors give beginners a chance to stay on the floor where the nominated dance is too hard for them; giving them extra revision of their own dances.

How's the diet going?

Not good.
 I had eggs
 for breakfast.

scrambled?

Cadbury's



Yesterday I saw an ad that said "radio for sale, \$1, volume stuck on full"

I thought, "I can't turn that down".

New Class Alert!

WED 6 JUNE - \$8 NEW BEGINNERS
 4 weeks only
 SEE BACK PAGE.



MAY

Bob C 16
 Patricia S 18
 Robyn H 24
 Carmel B 24

JUNE

June F 9
 Barbara H 14
 Christine B 19
 Stan L 19



Afternoon tea at every Tuesday class.

MONDAY

Club North Haven ..

1. Beginners 1 - 2 pm
2. Intermediate 2.15 - 3.30 pm

TUESDAY

Port Macquarie Rotary Hall ..

1. Beginners 12 - 1 pm
 E/int classics 1.00 -1.30 pm > A/Tea
2. Intermediate 1.45 - 3 pm

NB All classes are 'perfume free', due to allergies.

Still \$8

* **SOCIALS**
3rd Saturday
 (may change if venue not available)

From Marjorie

Old prospector shuffled into town leading an old tired mule. The old man headed straight for the only saloon to clear his parched throat. He walked up and tied his mule to the hitch rail. As he stood there, brushing off dust, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whisky in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, "Hey old man, have you ever danced?" The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance.. Never really wanted to." A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said, "Well, you old fool, you're gonna dance now," and he started shooting at the old man's feet.

The old prospector, not wanting to get a toe blown off, started hopping around like a flea on a hot skillet. Everybody was laughing fit to kill. When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old man turned to his pack mule, pulled out a double-barrelled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air. The crowd stopped laughing immediately. The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old timer and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The shotgun never wavered in the old man's hands, as he quietly said, "Son, have you ever licked a mule's arse?" The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No sir.. But .. I've always wanted to."



*The lessons here:
Never be arrogant
Don't waste ammunition, and
Don't mess with old men, they didn't
get old by being stupid.*

Prospector rides into town over drought ravaged country. The hot wind is getting stronger.

That afternoon, dust storm over, he starts to ride back to camp. He spots an almost new Akubra on a mound in the distance. He rides over, gets off his horse and picks up the hat. He's surprised to see a shock of scruffy hair under it. He pulls his shovel from his saddle and starts to dig. He uncovers a head and, surprisingly, the fellow is still alive. He keeps digging and helps him from the sand.

After some hand shaking, the fellow says, 'can I borrow your shovel?' The prospector says ' Sure, but why?'

The fellow says, 'I was riding me horse when the dust storm hit.'



"I hate to spoil your porridge, but your son has a blonde in his room."

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop high, the zookeepers put up a 3m fence. Didn't matter, he was out next morning, hopping about. So a 6m fence was put up. Again, he got out. When the fence was 12m high, a camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo, 'How high do you think they'll go?' The kangaroo said, 'A hundred metres, unless somebody locks the gate at night.'

A traveller pulls into an outback pub and asks the barman for directions. 'How do you get to Cootamundra, mate?' The barman replies 'Me brother takes me.'

A farmer wants to know how many sheep he has in his paddock so he asks his border collie to count them. The dog runs into the paddock, counts the sheep then runs back to the farmer. The farmer says 'How many?' Dog says '40'. Farmer says 'Thought I only had 38'. Dog says 'I rounded them up'.



10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no.3
6. When you did no.3 you realised that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no.5
9. You just checked to see if there is no.5
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too 😊

What do you call an Irishman who bounces off a wall?
Rick O'Shay.



AS I drove into the car park, I noticed that a ute with a dog sitting behind the wheel was rolling towards a lady pedestrian. She seemed oblivious, so I hit my horn to get her attention. She looked up just in time to jump out of the way. The ute bumped harmlessly into the kerb and stopped. I rushed to the woman to see if she was all right.

"Thanks, I'm fine," she assured me, "but if that dog hadn't honked..."



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Did you know our website has our last 6 newsletters on the homepage? If you're new, you can read back issues.



We also have a Facebook page and 'closed group' where you can see photos, announcements and weekly updates.

New dog cross breeds The following new cross breeds are now recognized by the Kennel Club - allegedly!

Collie + Lhasa Apso

Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.

Pointer + Setter

Poinsetter, the traditional Christmas pet.

Pekingese + Lhasa Apso

Peekasso, an abstract dog.

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel

Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as mountain air.

Terrier + Bulldog

Terribull, not a good dog.

Bloodhound + Labrador

Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly.

Malamute + Pointer

Moot Point, owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway.

Collie + Malamute

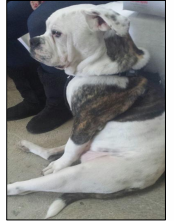
Commute, a dog that travels to work.

Deerhound + Terrier

Derriere, a dog that's true to the end.

Bull Terrier + Shitzu

You figure this one out



No elderly brain drain

HEALTHY pensioners have the power to create just as many new brain cells as young people in their 20s, research has revealed.

Scientists said the findings showed mental decline by your 70s is not the "inevitable process many of us think it is".

US researchers made the discovery after counting the number of new cells growing in the hippocampus, the part of the brain which processes memories and emotions. They found about 700 brain cells were created each day — even in the oldest people studied — and that there was no size difference in the hippocampus in young and old brains.

From Daily Telegraph Sat 7 April '18

If you love someone, set them free. If they come back, no one else wanted them either.



Note to self

None of us are getting out of here alive, so please stop treating yourself like an after thought. Eat the delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth that you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird. There's no time for anything else.

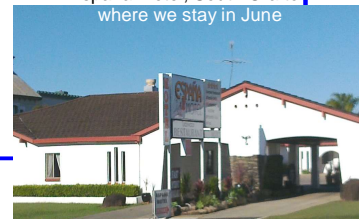


2018 Calendar

January	February	March
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- SAT 19 MAY TELE PT social 12-4 pm. A plate please. Theme is **May Madness**. Suggestions.. any fancy dress, colour mismatch, crazy hat, come as you are, or don't do anything! All mad.
- WED 6 JUNE PORT MACQUARIE Rotary hall. New beginner course runs each Wed for 4 weeks. \$8 pw
- 15-16 JUNE GRAFTON workshop and socials with Gordon Elliott. Low cost / high fun. Why miss it?
- SAT 21 JULY CHRISTMAS in July social at Telegraph Pt hall. Suggestions? 12-4 pm.
- ...
- SAT 1 DEC CLUB NORTH HAVEN Christmas Party 6-10 pm. Add to your diary now.

Espana motel, South Grafton where we stay in June



CAMPING TIP: If you get lost, a compass can help you get lost more North.