



# Coffee Club News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- \* **February Meeting & AGM** on 24th February 2011 10am  
Sausage Sizzle to follow the meeting
- \* **Seniors Concert** 22nd  
March at the Sydney Entertainment Centre
- \* **March Branch Meeting** 24th  
March 2011 10am
- \* **Gloucester Reunion** 26-27th  
March 2011
- \* **Timbertown Bus Trip**  
April
- \* **Anzac Day**  
**Dawn Service @ East Maitland**  
**March @ Morpeth**
- \* **Picnic Day** in Morpeth  
May (Date TBA)
- \* **Taylors Beach Outing** TBA

## STOP PRESS

Sexton Coaches has quoted for the Timbertown trip for the 49 seater coach used by the Viet Legion. 30 persons would cost \$42.50 including admission but if the coach is filled the cost would be \$30.00 each for the day trip. Think about it because there could be a better price on the admission portion once numbers are known.

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## ELECTION EDITION

This edition is important because February is when you as members have to make a decision on the new committee. Jim Lintott has made his decision to stand aside as the Treasurer but will not accept nomination as President. What is wanted now is a group of people to keep the action happening. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter which you can use but if you would also like to fill in your idea of who you think might make a good committee. Fill in the sheet on the back of the nomination forms and hand that in. Hopefully this idea may work to get people who might like to help but are a bit shy about volunteering. This suggestion form is not an official nomination and the people on it may decline their "nomination".

If you feel that the 2010 Committee was successful then place their names on the nomination list.

2011 should be interesting in many ways with the new Committee to decide a program of fund-raising as well as activities to make being a member enjoyable.

A letter was sent to each member of Lower Hunter Branch inviting them to transfer to Maitland if they wish after their Branch ceased operating. The January meeting saw Neville Russell join us which now makes four members transferring to us.

## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTE NOTES

- Certificates of Appreciation to be sent to Morpeth, Tenambit and Rutherford Shopping Centres for assisting us with our fund raising.
- \$50 donated to Legacy for their wheelchair donation. \$100 donation to East Maitland RSL for use of hall.
- Presentation to Maitland Palliative Care of \$1200.
- Invitations to be sent to Lower Hunter Branch to join with Maitland.
- Fred Goode spoke about DVA Grant for travel trips and Reserve forces Day spouses recognition.
- Maitland ex-service clubs to sponsor students to 2015 Anzac Cove memorial trip.

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTE NOTES

- Notice given of AGM on February 24th
- Cobar Trip postponed for now.
- Ideas raised for social functions with Timbertown day trip to replace Cobar Trip.
- Taylors Beach, Morpeth and Singleton Army museum suggested outings
- Noted that article on Palliative Care presentation was published in Star newspaper.

**2011 FEES NOW OVERDUE**

## Star Newspaper Article about Palliative Care Presentation

## Palliative donation

Maitland and Dungog Palliative Care Unit has received a \$1200 donation from the National Service and Combined Forces Association of Australia Maitland branch.

Palliative Care nurses Sharon Williams and Cheryl Jones received the donation from branch president Barry McAlister.

Ms Williams said the donation would assist the patients under their care have a better quality of life.

Ms Jones said any financial assistance was appreciated and helped their terminally ill patients to

cope with their condition.

The branch had a first hand experience with the unit when team leader Suzanne Teyhan spoke to members at the April meeting about the operations of the unit and how it was mainly funded through donations which helped maintain a necessary service.

Branch secretary Colin Shapland said members wanted to help the organisation conduct its work: "We wish to thank the general public for their support in buying the Rotary Club raffle tickets."

## 2011

Indications obtained from the well attended January meeting show that there is a strong interest in having many social functions. Suggestions have been to have a day bus trip to Timbertown at Wauchope along with picnic days at Morpeth, trip to Taylors Beach, Sydney outing to the Transport museum.

Arrangements are underway to get costs for various outings. These are being obtained from Sexton buses in Paterson. While self drive mini-buses are reasonably cheap because there are no driver wages involved but they are built for thinner and smaller people for short distances. This lack of comfort has been expressed within the Branch and outings are now aimed to secure enjoyment and comfort for our aged bodies.

Quotations are being prepared for tours by Sexton Bus Company and should be available for the February meeting. These will be used to apply for the DVA Grant in our meeting with the other clubs.

All costs are being kept to suit the budgets.

Daddy how was I born?

A little boy goes to his father and asks 'Daddy, how was I born?'

The father answers, 'Well, son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway! Your Mum and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mum and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, and googled each other. There your mother agreed to a download from my memory stick. As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said:

You've got Male

### FEBRUARY 24th MEETING

Agenda will be Monthly meeting at 10.00am (No General Business) followed by AGM with election of new Committee. Following the elections the new Committee will attend to General Business.

At the close of the meeting there will be a FREE Sausage Sizzle and a cuppa.

### TIMBERTOWN TRIP

Entry into Timbertown is normally \$9.50 each for pensioners and is open from 9.30am until 4pm.

The steam train ride is \$8.00 pensioner rate

Group Concession rates are available.

#### Program:

- 10.15 Bullock yoking 10.30 Chaff Cutting
- 11.00 Bullock demonstration Steam sawmill
- 11.30-2.45 Horse cart rides
- 11.30 Wine & Port making
- 11.45 Old School opens 12.00 Whip Cracking
- 12.30 Cross Cut Sawing 1.00 Clydesdales
- 1.30 Woodturning & timber talk
- 2.00 Bullock demonstration 3.15 Chaff cutting

This visit would be included in the cost of the bus trip and Timbertown have advised that groups are assured that all displays etc are operational on their visits. To receive these benefits there must be sufficient numbers attending. It is asked that recipients of the Coffee Club News promote this trip as numbers greatly reduce the cost

It is anticipated that the trip will start from East Maitland at 7am and return home by 6pm (latest). Date 4 or 5 April

### Rotary Community Chest Raffle Results: drawn January 2011

**First Prize** BSA 05820 J. Pascoe of Murrumbateman

**Second Prize:** BSA 00192 J Brackman

**Third Prize:** RCR 09739 G. Mitchel of Winmalee