



# Coffee Club News

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NSCFAA

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**DECEMBER 2011**

## DECEMBER 15TH

**NOTE!!!! Change to the Meeting Date for December is December 15th**

**Also January meeting date is January 19th**

This is because of the closeness to Christmas and the public holiday in January

### BUNNINGS BBQ

Bruce Mears has been finalised the paperwork with Maitland Bunnings. Volunteers have put their hands up for at least one crew of 5 to begin operating in the morning BUT some more are required to make it easier. Remember that everything that one does costs something and to be able to function as the Branch has requires a bit more assistance so please give a bit of time on this day to make it a success. The Branch has its regular people who do not hesitate to help but there are some who are willing to let them but reap the benefits that are provided. If this fund raising venture fails it is only because **YOU** have not put in an effort to help. It is not expected that a full day is spent helping but an hour or two would be appreciated. The forecast for sales could now be over 900 sausage sandwiches to be sold and if there are no additional helpers then this organisation will suffer in providing its assistance programs to the members in the future. Everything has been organised except for YOUR help so please let Bruce have your name for the day.

**REMEMBER IT IS ON SUNDAY 15th JANUARY**

### DVA GRANT

On Friday 25th November the Maitland NSCFAA and the local RSLs & Viet Vet Legion met & finalised the details to begin taking bookings for the coach trips for 2012. It was agreed that a letter be published to explain the final details and costs which would assist each organisation to begin the bookings which would begin on & after 1st January 2012. This date was to allow each organisation to inform their members and provide an equal opportunity for members not to be disadvantaged with booking a place. A copy of this letter is included on pages 3 & 4.

One point raised and explained was why local bus operators were not used. It was pointed out that local bus companies had been approached and the most economical operators chosen to quote for the Grant. The one day trips are being provided by Sexton Coaches and the Moree trip had been quoted by Sexton Coaches for a six day trip at \$1100 per person while Pegasus Coaches provides a regular seasonal 7 day trip for \$769 per person. To provide a 7 day tour, as suggested by some members, hiring a minibus and providing the tour and accommodation without entry fees and lunches would cost just over \$700 per person with no DVA Grant money available. The deal being put forward and accepted is a once in a lifetime deal. The Mini Jap Sub Harbour Cruise was a coup in itself by having the tour booking on the actual 70th anniversary. This looks like being a sell-out from indications at this time. Again get in early with your bookings.

Lithgow Coach Trip date yet to be decided on by the Committee.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE**

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### Committee

Mavis Allen  
Bev DeLoas  
Jim Lintott  
Margret Wood  
Sonny Prater



Last month it was reported that Fred Goode was hospitalised with Bowel Cancer. Lucky for Fred the hospital stay proved that it was not as serious as first thought. Fred is out and about again and he and wife Brenda took home 4 raffle prizes from the Xmas Luncheon

### DIARY OF EVENTS 2011/12

**December 7** 6.30pm  
Dungog Xmas Dinner

**December 15th** Xmas General Meeting & Break-up Party @ 10am Ladies please bring a plate Free Tea, Coffee

**December 17th** Nelson Bay Xmas Dinner \$26.50/head  
RSVP 5th November

**Sunday, January 15th**  
Bunnings BBQ Day  
Volunteers still Wanted

**January 19th** General Meeting in RSL Hall @ 10am

**February 23rd** AGM in RSL Hall @ 10am

**March 22nd** General Meeting in RSL Hall @ 10am

**April 26th** General Meeting in RSL Hall @ 10am

**May 24th** General Meeting in RSL Hall @ 10am

**May 31st** Jap Mini Sub Tour on Sydney Harbour.

**Book your place Early**

**September 9th to 15th**

**Moree Coach Tour**

**Cost \$470 per person twin share**

**BOOK EARLY**

**MERRY XMAS**

**To All Members**



**Happy New Year**



## NOVEMBER MEETING GENERAL BUSINESS

Colin Shapland explained that DVA Grant was subject to audits and Moved Seconded Bev DeLoas *"that the Maitland Branch transfer the DVA Grant money to the Travel Account for ease of use and audit as & when required"* Carried

Also Colin Shapland detailed that the DVA Grant money would not be needed until May 2012 and Moved Seconded by Barry McAlister *"that a sum of \$12,000.00 of the DVA Grant be invested with the Greater Building Society for a term of 5months with the Greater Building Society at an interest rate of 5.4%."* Carried

Presentation to Palliative Care & by Joel Fitzgibbon for DVA at January meeting if available. Colin to arrange.

DVA Tours briefly further explained and after Fred Goode enquired the Travel Group would meet with RSLs etc on Friday 25/11/11 at 12.30pm.

Discussion on DVA tours and referred to meeting on Friday. Sub trip is 31<sup>st</sup> May 7 Moree booked for 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September. Moree is wholly Maitland tour.

Nominations for AGM notified to be required.

Xmas luncheon table set up at 2pm on Friday. Alcohol drinks to be carton each of Hahn Light, New, 4XXX and cask of Lambrusco and Chardonnay by Barry McAlister. Drinks to be laid on Saturday morning from 8am.

Fred Goode addressed the meeting about 1. Thanked the Branch for his Get Well Card.

2. "Cooking for 1 & 2" program will be held in 2012 by RSL. Interested persons contact Richard Kidd on Tues mornings at Maitland RSL. 3. Reminded about the 2015 Student Anzac tour. Require another \$60,000 to pay for accommodation portion of trip. 6000 Pens have been purchased & donated and are for sale at \$5 each.

Barry McAlister asked about the Newcastle Xmas BBQ at Stockton Pavilion on 4<sup>th</sup> December. \$20 per head, bring own plates, cutlery, chairs & Drinks.

Ken DeLoas spoke about the Singleton Army Museum re-opening in Feb/March 2012. 4 weeks' notice to tour.

Monthly raffle First Prize (meat tray) won by Don Meredith

WELCOME TO THE CROSS  
ROADS MOTEL

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## A BIG THANK YOU

The President and the Committee wish to thank everyone who has volunteered to make this year such a success. It was only because of the help of people like our Associate members that we have the successful morning teas after the meetings and the goodies at our picnics.

To those members, they know who they are, who have helped raise the funds over the past year we wish to say THANK YOU Without you the Branch would not be in the sound financial position it is in. Thank You to those members who turned out in support of the memorial services around the district.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The weather this year was kinder than in previous years with it being a lot cooler. Fifty persons enjoyed the meal and festivities. Entertainment was again provided by Barry's band with a sing-along led by our Chaplain and the Maitland Mayor.

Thanks to the donations of prizes for the raffles which were of great quality. There were five lucky door prizes kindly donated by our advertiser, Jimmy Po from the Billabongs Restaurant. During the excitement of the day the winners were not recorded.

The lucky spot prize in the Barn Dance was won by Denese Hume

Winners of the raffle prizes were:

Ken DeLoas

Gordon Webber

Jack Allen

Libby DeLoas

Lorna Shapland

Brenda Goode

Helen Meredith

Peter Blackmore

Kath Wheatley

Helen Meredith

Brenda Goode

Pat Hemmings

Brenda Goode

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Our Patron, Robyn Parker, was unable to attend because of illness.

**BOOKINGS FOR THE DVA TOURS WILL COMMENCE ON FIRST JANUARY WITH HELEN MEREDITH (49327678) or COLIN SHAPLAND (63378378) or the RSL Representative**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



The National Service & Combined Forces Association in conjunction with the Maitland, East Maitland RSL Sub Branches and the Maitland Vietnam Veterans Legion is offering two coach trips at never again repeated prices for their members and family/carers. These trips have been heavily subsidised by the Department of Veteran Affairs through its Grants to provide opportunities for the veterans "To Get On The Road Again".

On May 31<sup>st</sup> 1942 the Japanese launched an unsuccessful mini submarine attack on Sydney Harbour sinking the ferry "Kuttabal". To commemorate this historic event on its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary the combined Maitland groups is offering a luxury coach trip to Sydney to board a special ferry to re-visit the sites where all the action occurred on that night. The date for this trip is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 with the coach leaving East Maitland RSL Hall in time to meet the ferry at Circular Quay by 10.30am for the 3 hour cruise. There has been fifty seats made available at a small fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person with reservations commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 with your organisation representative or contacting Colin Shapland on 63378378 or email him on [mudnat@clearmail.com.au](mailto:mudnat@clearmail.com.au). Morning tea will be provided at Garden Island but please bring your own lunch. If time permits the ferry will stop at Clark Island to enjoy your lunch there. The public cost for the ferry tour is \$60.00 or a one & half hour Captain Cook cruise costs \$40, therefore this special coach/ferry trip is a great bargain. There is more, by participating on this trip the participants will have a seat reserved on a coach trip in 2013 at a very minimal cost.

The second week in September 2012 a seven day all inclusive luxury coach tour has been organised to Moree and surrounding districts such as Lightning Ridge, Inverell, Warialda and Goondiwindi. This trip is advertised in the "Senior" paper at a cost of \$769 per person (twin share). The Maitland groups has been able to secure the same deal for just \$470 per person (twin share). Single supplement will apply. Special dietary and medical needs are catered for. The dates booked are Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September inclusive.

The seating is restricted to 48 persons and the coach will be Maitland exclusive and the pick up/drop off will be at East Maitland RSL Hall. Pick up time will be 8.00am with lunch in Tamworth (lunch provision is being negotiated as the replacement for the morning tea)

The motel for the Moree trip stay is the Dragon Phoenix Motel & Restaurant and has its own Artesian Spa pool outside your room for the relief of the aches and pains suffered as we get older. The breakfasts are full breakfasts, lunches are provided in clubs or at the motel and the Dinners are 3course. Meals are served in our own dining room. The itinerary has been designed for comfort

All travel is in a luxury coach complete with seat belts, rest room, air conditioned, video facilities.

The motel at Moree is three & half star and the rate for a standard room is currently advertised at \$75 per person per night with a current "hot deal" of 2 course dinner, bed and breakfast for 2 people for \$160/night. On that basis the Maitland group is being able to save many hundreds of dollars over the normal prices.

To book a non refundable deposit of \$100.00 per couple is required. The balance of \$420 per person can be paid in instalments but must be paid by no later than 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to your organisation representative or to Helen Meredith (P.O. Box 327 East Maitland). A card with a tour brochure will be issued after the deposit payment. Booking registrations will be held by Colin Shapland.

Contacts are Fred Goode (Maitland RSL); Brian Boughton (East Maitland RSL); John McIntosh (Viet Vets Legion); Helen Meredith or Colin Shapland (NSCFAA)

**BOOK EARLY AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**



**Dragon Phoenix Motel & Restaurant  
In Conjunction with:**

**Pegasus Coach Tours**

P.O. Box 547

Riverstone 2765

Ph: 02 9838 1733

ABN: 85 065 512 251

**Payment Details:**

**Deposit:** \$100.00 per person payable on booking with completed Tour Reservation Form.

**Final Payment:** 2 Weeks Prior to departure

Payment will be accepted by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card, EFTPOS.

**Cancellations:**

Notice of 21 Days or more - 50% Refund

Notice of Less than 21 Days - No refund

**Seat Rotation:**

Seat rotation is operated on every tour allowing passengers the advantage of forward and window seating during the tour

**Luggage:**

Limit of one normal sized suitcase (20kg) and one small travel bag per person.

**Travel Insurance:**

We strongly recommend you insure yourselves fully for loss of deposit and cancellation fees, loss of monies or baggage. This is the responsibility of the passenger to arrange.

Pegasus Coach Tours reserve the right to alter any part of this itinerary without notice should it be deemed necessary.

Pegasus Coach Tours reserves the right to cancel a tour if less than the required number of passengers have booked. In this case, all monies will be refunded.

# The Best of

# Moree

## 7 Day Tour

**Tour Highlights:**

- Moree, Bland Park, Moree Plains Gallery, Lightning Ridge, Pecan Nut Farm, Olive tasting
- Goondiwindi, Warialda, Inverell, Cranky Rock, Border Bridge, Wine Tasting

Our Special Price

**\$769.00**

Single Supplement

**\$180.00**

**Tour Includes:**

Luxury Coach Travel

Accommodation based on twin share single supplement applies.

6 x Dimmers

6 x Full Breakfasts

5 Lunches

Entry Fees to all places named on the itinerary

### Tour Departs

