

## NEWSLETTER

### Outings

18.1.2005

**16.10.04 Swimming, games & picnic at Brunswick Heads** – A great day! This is a popular outing with everyone. We all enjoyed playing cricket and ball games and relaxing around the tables chatting and catching up with each other. Some brave people ventured into the water, but it was a bit too cold in the water for most of us! I gave people a few good laughs when Christopher bowled to me and I only hit 2 balls off 8 bowls. Some of the male workers weren't much better though. I think we need some serious coaching! Mike did a marvellous job as wicket keeper. (In my head, as I type, I can hear Mike's rendition of Ritchie Benoue (spelling?). Nearly everyone told me they want to do this outing again soon! Next time we will have a BBQ.

**26.11.04 Dinner at Hungry Jacks & Crossroads Xmas Dance** – This outing is a must every year. Everyone was dancing themselves into frenzy. It was difficult to get people to have drink breaks! The music was as good as ever. The night was as balmy as ever. (Well, actually like a sauna inside!) The bus / van trip home was a noisy, exciting time! Can't wait till next year for some more 'shake, rattle and rolling'!

**11.12.04 Fun Club Christmas Party & dance** – 50 clients attended!!! A spectacular night was had by all. Thank you for all the festive Christmas cards & gifts for us. You are all lovely people with very kind hearts. I hope you like the Christmas presents we gave you. I hope you all wear your new red 'NORTH COAST FUN CLUB' caps whenever we have an outdoor outing now. If or when you need another cap, we have some for sale for \$10.00. Just ring me and I will take you one on the next outing, or you can drop into Biala and purchase one. We still have lots of Fun Club Tshirts left too! I want to do something totally different next year for our Christmas do! So, put your thinking caps on and tell me your ideas.

**15.1.2005 Richmond River Cruise with afternoon tea** – 35 clients attended! This outing is relaxing and calming. We all kick back and enjoy the scenery. We were lucky enough to be visited by dolphins that swam beside the boat for a while. They are such graceful creatures and really mischievous. It looked like they were going to run into the boat all the time, but were actually totally in control just gliding through the water. No water police to look at like last time! The scones, jam and cream were a hit and there were plenty of them! The cruise staff were as lovely as usual too. A lot of people took the helm (steered the boat) and did a great job under the supervision of 'Captain Harold'. Can't wait for the next one!

I hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. It is very sad that our top end Australian neighbours were devastated by the Tsunami at this time and I know we are all thinking of the people and how sad and fearful they must be. Plus the bushfires in South Australia and the loss these people must be feeling and also our farmers struggling with the long drought. It's good to think of these people and pray for them or wish them well in our own ways. Fun Club is a special time for us to all get together as friends. We all look out for each other and all help each other. Many have asked me why there aren't as many outings. Unfortunately it all comes down to a lack of funding!(The same old story!) Let's just make the most of the outings we do have! You have all been asking for more dances and I will endeavour to take you to as many as possible this year.

Well, till next time.....

Yours truly, Rhonda Honda