



NORTH COAST FUN CLUB

Biala Support Services Inc.

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NOTE: New email address - northcoastfunclub@biala.org.au

View our website at www.biala.org.au and see some of the outing pictures!

Hi there everyone. It's time for another newsletter and updates about what has been happening. I hope you have all had a great year so far!

During this year we have continued to strive to keep Fun Club within budget, and we have been managing to stay within budget to an acceptable level! Because we do not get enough funding we have had to cut costs wherever possible so over the last 2 years we have not had an outing in December, therefore only having 11 outings per year instead of 12.

We introduced a service fee for clients attending each Fun Club outing and almost everyone is happy to contribute this fee to help Fun Club out. So thank you all for assisting in keeping NCFC going without too much reduction of social support outings to clients!

Fun Club staff have been volunteering their time on some Fun Club outings to also reduce costs to the budget. We also have a couple of new volunteers: Catherine Gardner and Chloe Armitage! They are very helpful and a great support to me and the clients! They are lovely, caring people.

Transport: Central pick up points for transport on Fun Club outings are:

Newrybar (this is safer and takes less time and fuel than meeting in busy Byron Bay). THIS IS ANOTHER BUDGET SAVER! We also pick up from Biala School in Fox Street and in Teven Road in Alstonville or at the Alstonville post office.

Unfortunately Jenny Anderson and Allira Halloran resigned as volunteers and will be sadly missed. Thank you for your dedication and help with North Coast Fun Club!

Here is information about the outings Fun Club has had this year:



15/1/11 BALLINA FAIR CINEMA & DINNER IN THE BALLINA FAIR OUTDOOR EATING AREA (23 clients attended)

We saw 'Gulliver's Travels' - a comedy movie. The movie was excellent and everyone laughed a lot while watching it! After the movie we had lunch in the Ballina Fair outdoor eateries and sat around discussing the movie etc. It was a day full of talk and laughter. Thank you to Jenny for volunteering!



26/2/11 GOONELLABAH SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE (27 clients attended)

What a fantastic time we had! You guys really used your muscles climbing the stairs on the waterslide! We will put some good pictures on the Biala Website in the North Coast Fun Club section! We had lunch there at the centre. (Unfortunately they ran out of healthy food options. They had forgotten to inform the cafe staff that Fun Club would be eating there!) The staff were lovely to us. We all had so much fun! AND....NO SUNBURN as it was inside!!! Thanks Rachael for volunteering!

19/3/11 DISCO AT BIALA (25 clients attended)



It was a great night! We had so much fun! Thanks mainly to the fantastic DJ Jason Sines who put together a playlist of all your favourite music especially for the Biala Disco and who caringly donated his time on the night! Jason's lovely wife, Angelique also graciously helped out on the night. The friends of Biala Fundraising Committee helped out with the organising, setting up at the venue, providing supper etc. So many thanks go to them and to all the other people who helped, especially Kimberley & Tayla! Feedback from everyone was that they had such a good time that they would like to do this outing again next year. Thank you Janiece, Catherine and Rachael for volunteering with Fun Club.



9/4/11 LISMORE SPEEDWAY (14 clients attended)

A favourite outing for the male Fun Clubbers especially. It was a great night! Everyone was excited and shouting and clapping as their favourite cars roared past! We will try to do this outing again next year as the guys really want to do it again.

14/5/11 MACADAMIA CASTLE (26 clients attended)

This is a great outing that we hadn't done for a couple of years. Danny Gordon kept asking me to do this outing over and over! The reptile show was interesting & many people touched a blue tongue lizard and even a baby snake! Many played Putt Putt, some enjoyed the train rides and we looked around at all the animals and birds. We all enjoyed the sausage sizzle that was cooked by the 'Master Chefs', Gary and Andrew! Thanks guys!!! Thank you to Chloe, the new volunteer, who worked hard and fit right in with us Fun Clubbers! Thank you also to Rachael for volunteering.



4/6/11 BALLINA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB (23 clients attended)

Fun, fun, fun! Great time! We had a smorgasbord dinner then danced our little hearts out to 'Clelia Adams' & the River Valley Express Band. Cathy Andrews suggested that Fun Club would enjoy this band and she found out the dates they would be performing. Thank you Cathy! Everyone loves dancing and the staff at the club are very considerate!



Well, that's all for now folks! Take care! Yours truly, *Rhonda Honda*