



Port Douglas & District Combined Clubs Inc.

The Tin Shed Rag

Little Christmas Anecdotes!



A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead"

It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of Winter after a heavy fall of snow and only one farmer and the minister managed to arrive at the church for the morning service. "Well", said the clergyman "I guess there's no point in having a service today." "Well that's not how I see it," said the farmer. "If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it."

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

Manager's Update

Here it is December 2015 and what a 12 months it has been. With the building works taking up the first six months of the year and then straight into the season the staff and I have not had an opportunity to really take in what has happened.

It has been mentioned numerous times that it is not the Club it was, and yes it isn't. However, we now have a fully operational Club, which includes an upstairs Bar/Lounge, Bistro, Gaming Room, Kids Room along with a Reception and Foyer. These are the things members look for and expect in clubs these days and I feel proud to have the opportunity to manage such a Club.

There have been a number of changes that we have implemented since reopening, which may have caused some inconvenience to some members. However, this has not been our intentions, but has become necessary to provide a better service. The Club is a Non Smoking venue and those wishing to smoke are asked to smoke on any of the grassed areas outside. The other major change, particularly in season, is that those not intending to eat must move upstairs to drink. This has become necessary

due to the number of members and guests we now have utilising the Clubs dining facilities.

We have also seen a great improvement in our food, thanks to Head Chef Dom and his staff. We have and will continue to look at ways of improving our Menu and keeping prices at a reasonable level. We are planning to do different things during the off season, which will include a Monthly Seafood Night, with the first one planned for Saturday, 23rd January. While we are on food, we now have Pizza's available for snacks between 2.30pm and 5.00pm and 7.00pm to late upstairs.

Last but not least a rewrite of the Club's Constitution is in it's final stages and will be available for comment by Members. Those Members wishing to view the draft and make comments are requested to contact the Manager who will make a copy available. It is hoped that when completed it will be put to Members at a Special General Meeting late March..

My staff and I look forward to 2016 and we hope to see you all at the Club. We wish you all the very best for Christmas and hope that 2016 is a better year than 2015 was.

Kym Rowley
Manager

Words from the President's

When we embarked upon the journey of club extensions one of the key factors for pushing ahead was to have a club once more instead of a bistro. I can say that we have been successful as when I drop by in the early evenings I see an upstairs bar area with lots of familiar faces. I believe we have achieved our goal of having a very modern club. The Friday night badge draw and raffles are proving to be as popular as they were before the extensions. The Friday raffles are run by the club with all the prizes being also provided by the club BUT the ticket sales are handled by a local organisation (some examples to date include tennis, outriggers, kindergarten, men's shed) and they keep ALL the money collected. As one ticket seller said to me "Gee, what a great return for 1 hour's work." The raffles will be on temporary hold during the wet season but please register your local organisation's interest with Kym to be scheduled onto the roster when the raffles start again.

On behalf of all of the committee members, management and staff we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and especially a Prosperous 2016

Tony Dickinson
President

Treasurer's Report

More little Christmas Anecdotes!

At a monastery high in the mountains, the monks have a rigid vow of silence. Only at Christmas, and only by one monk, and only with one sentence, is the vow allowed to be broken. One Christmas, Brother Thomas is allowed to speak and he says, "I like the mashed potatoes we have with the Christmas turkey!" and he sits down. Silence ensues for 365 days. The next Christmas, Brother Michael gets his turn, and he says "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I hate them!" Once again, silence for 366 days (it's leap year). The following Christmas, Brother Paul rises and says, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

A city cop was on his horse waiting to cross the street when a little girl on her new shiny bike stopped beside him. "Nice bike," the cop said, "did Santa bring it to you?"

"Yep, the little girl said, "he sure did!"

The cop looked the bike over and handed the girl a \$5.00 ticket for a safety violation. The cop said, "Next year tell Santa to put a reflector light on the back of it."

The young girl looked up at the cop and said, "Nice horse you got there sir, did Santa bring it to you?"

"Yes, he sure did," chuckled the cop.

The little girl looked up at the cop and said, "Next year tell Santa the dick goes underneath the horse, not on top."

With the Tourist Season now winding down, I am pleased to report that our financial situation is very strong and we have exceeded our budgeted program for the last four months, bearing in mind we have only hypothetical figures prepared by the management to work from until we have a full twelve months trading figures for comparison, of course we are still making fine adjustments as we progress, and a big thanks to Kym for his diligence and attention to detail.

Our membership has grown from less than 1100 six months ago to over 3400 to this date, the most pleasing thing is that over 65% of members are locals from the Shire, so we hope you come along in the quiet season and enjoy the facilities we now offer, without the huge crowds, bring your family and friends, our food and views are second to none.

The solar panels installed on our roof are giving us massive savings each month and we feel this decision has proved to be a winner

Our bank balances as at the 30th October 2015 are as follows

General Account	\$271,244
Gaming Account	\$39,159
On line saver Account	\$3,210

Our net profit for October was \$85054.00, which is in excess of anticipated and leaves us in a strong position for the coming wet.

In summary we are well placed for the next few months and look forward to seeing as many members using the club over the festive season, don't forget breakfast on the deck every Sunday, it's a great idea before going to the markets.

Mal Phillips
Treasurer

Management Committee Looks to the Future

Now that the Extensions are complete the Management Committee are looking to the future. There have been many questions asked on why the extensions were done on the front of the Club and not the back. The simple answer to this is that an area was needed for the staircase and lift along with office space, which would have impacted on either the kitchen or bar.

What the Committee have now found from members and guests is that more deck space is required. Everyone loves to sit and relax and look out over the water, which particularly becomes a problem in season for those who do not want to dine.

To be affordable and be able to pay for it without going into further debt a simple solution is to build an upper deck on top of the middle section of the Club with access from the upstairs Lounge/Bar. This would mean taking off the pitched roof, which was an add on many years ago. To save on costs the deck in the short term would have no roof. To get patrons out of the sun large umbrellas would be positioned in the middle of tables. This whole area would be serviced by existing upstairs Bar.

There is a long way to go before we will be in a position to do anything. However, members will be kept fully informed of further developments.

Members Special Offer!



Ireland Holden Cairns

Port Douglas District Combined Club Inc. Members offer.

A range of special offers are available for Members of the 'Tin Shed' at Ireland Holden Cairns.

Offers are available from 19th November 2015 until 31st January 2016, a new offer will be made available on the 1st of February 2016.

Purchase any small car; Spark, Barina, Cruze, or Astra and receive on top of any negotiated price a \$500 fuel card or \$500 of Genuine Holden Accessories.

Purchase any medium size car; Malibu, Cascada, Insignia, or Trax and receive on top of any negotiated price a choice of a \$500 fuel card, \$500 of Genuine Holden Accessories, or a \$500 Gift card to either BCF or Coles Myer

Purchase any large vehicle; Commodore, Caprice, Captiva, and receive on top of any negotiated price a choice of a \$500 fuel card, \$500 of Genuine Holden Accessories or a \$500 BCF or Coles Myer gift card.

Purchase any Colorado or Colorado 7 and receive on top of any negotiated price a choice of a \$500 fuel card, a \$500 BCF gift card, or \$500 towards any Genuine Holden Accessories or Ironman Accessories from Cairns to Cape 4x4.

Also receive a \$100 voucher towards an X-Pack Complete Vehicle protection package!

To take advantage of these Special Member Offers an appointment must be made with either;

Jon Maurice – Sales Manager
Holden. 07 4052 3650
jonm@irelands.com.au

Or

Stuart Wright – Sales Consultant.
07 4052 3655
stuartw@irelands.com.au

Upcoming Events/Promotions



Christmas Ham & Turkey Raffles

Starting Friday, 4th December and running through to the 18th December the Club will be raffling Hams and Turkeys just in time for Christmas. Tickets will go on sale from 5.30pm with the Draw commencing from 6.30pm



Members New Years Eve Party

Due to having so many members now it was decided to not have the traditional Members Christmas Party as seats would have been limited. So we have decided to have a Members NYE Cocktail Party both downstairs and upstairs. What better place to watch the NYE Fireworks! The party will be themed Gold & Black and will start from 6.00pm. Heavy Canapés and drinks will be provided between 7.00pm and 9.00pm and entertainment will be provided by 'Fingerprint'. Cost is \$75pp. Sorry no children. This is one for Members so don't miss out! Booking are now being taken.



Members 4th Quarter Giveaway

Those visiting the Club would have by now seen the Bar B Que and Outdoor Setting. This is being given away to one lucky member on the 18th December, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Make sure you get your Tickets in by just visiting the Club and swiping your Membership Card.



Members Badge Draw

This is on every Friday Night between 6.30pm and 7.30pm with the Jackpot as at 27th November being \$2200.00. If the Jackpot is not won the member with closest number to it will win \$50, which is put on the Membership Card to spend in the Club. All you have to do is be here for your chance to win. If and when the Jackpot reaches \$5,000 it will be given away by having five (5) \$1,000 draws on the night.



Christmas Day Lunch

It's on again for 2015, the Tin Shed Christmas Day Lunch. For \$115pp (less for Members) you get a Hot & Cold Buffet (seafood included), beer, wine and soft drink between 11.30am to 2.30pm. Don't miss out limited seats available!!!!



Community Australia Day Celebrations

The Club is currently working on it's Community Australia Day Celebrations for 2016. It is hoped that in conjunction with Douglas Shire Council there will be a much larger event this year, themed 'Great Australian Bites' encasing local Food and Entertainment, along with rides for the kids and much more. Further details will be available by mid to late December.



Members 2016 1st Quarter Giveaway

Running between January and March every time you spend money in the Club you will receive a Virtual Ticket, which will go into our Virtual Barrel, for our Smart TV Giveaway. This will be drawn on Friday, the 18th March between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Don't forget to use your Membership Card every time you purchase something or play the Poker Machines.