

Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers



Port Macquarie and Camden Haven NSW



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Welcome! It's time to return to our happy place on the dancefloor! All the festive fun and chaos is behind us and we're now looking forward to an awesome 2023.

Classes for most of us start on 9th & 10th Jan. New beginners start at the end of January. No newbies before please as the dances won't be suitable. Lots of revision for the rest of us!

Monday people please note, there's no dancing at Kendall on 16th Jan as it's the 3rd weekend. So, we have 9th, 23rd then the 30th.

When new beginners start, there will be an introductory extra half hour for the *first two weeks only*. Kendall starts at 10.30 am on 30th Jan and 6th Feb. After that beginner class will start at the usual 11am. Port will still start at 11am as we can't start earlier. There can be extra time at end of intermediate. Are you confused, haha?

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EASTER. Good Friday falls on 7th April. There'll be no class on Easter Monday, although Tuesday may be on.

ANZAC DAY falls on a Tuesday. Class will be on unless Rotary need the hall. But all that's getting a little ahead of ourselves. We know that the best laid plans can go pear shaped.

FORSTER workshops and socials with Robyn Groot are on 24th & 25th February. Some of the dances taught at the workshops will flow on to our classes so you might like to go for a preview. Flyer is available on the front desk if you want more info.

If you're going, you need to book accommodation asap. I'll be going Sat afternoon only for the workshops.

'OUR CLASSES' moves here to the front page for this edition only, then back to Page 2 as always. Just thought it might be easier to find here for newcomers.

Looking forward to time with you all in 2023. Di xx



To Shirley Barnes and family, as well as Kempsey Linedancers, our sincere condolences on Gary's recent passing.

May you find comfort in the love of friends and family and never forget the cherished memories

MONDAY

Kendall hall .. (19 Comboyne St)

1. **Beginners** 11 - 12 noon
2. **Intermediate** 12 - 1 pm

Note there's NO class on 3rd Mon of each month.

TUESDAY

Port Macquarie Rotary Hall .. (198 Hastings River Dr)

1. **Beginners** 11 - 12
2. **Intermediate** 12 - 1 pm

Note there is a 10min delay starting Rotary hall class as others use the hall before us.

Still \$10 pp with free tea/coffee break.



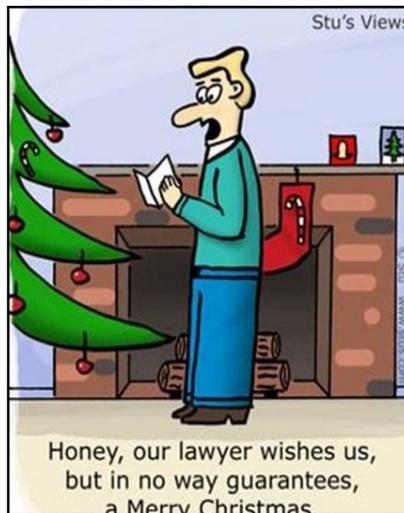
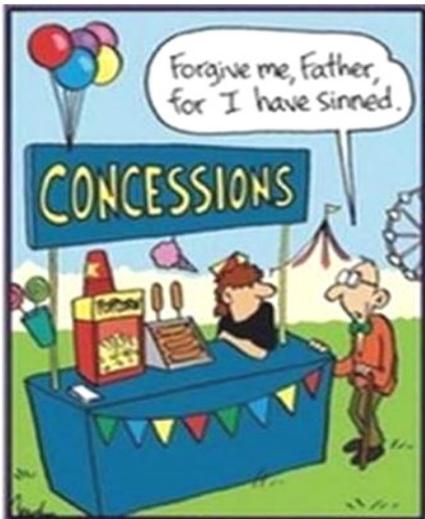


NEW DANCES.. There aren't any because we're not back to dancing as I write. There's some good dances coming up though. There's also some of your old favourite dances being revived, especially in beginners.

RAFFLE FUND.. Thanks to your generosity buying Christmas raffle tickets, together with balance from previous socials, we now have **\$321 in the bank** to start the year. Awesome work!

OUR SOCIALS are traditionally on the 3rd weekend. None are booked yet. You'll get plenty of notice when they are. Plan is to continue annual themes when they fall due, eg St Patrick's Day is on Fri 17 March so our social on the 18th will be Irish themed. We'll have a Country & Western theme later. Hawaiian social is also an annual. This is for Jim as he plays pedal steel guitar, although not at socials. We have other social themes. A favourite is our Scottish theme for St Andrews Day which falls on 30th November, or near to that date. It's never too early to start looking for your outfit or something for our themes.

Thank you to Jan P and all of you who send jokes.



Managing your weight around the holidays just requires a little planning..
For example, I took the batteries out of my scale on Wednesday.

I am starting to think I will never be old enough to know better.

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JAN	
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Are YOU happy to share your birthday here?	
No year, just day and month.	



BEGINNER
New Beginners start
Mon 30 Jan (Kendall)
Tues 31 Jan (Port Mac)
See bottom of page 1 for class details and venues.

Check out our YouTube channel





Last day for 2022 at the Rotary hall



JOKES

Wife: "Honey, I'm going to the store, do you want anything?"
Husband: "I want a sense of meaning and purpose in my life. I want to connect with my inner self."
Wife: "Be specific. Johnnie Walker or Jack Daniels?" 😞😞

If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it.

A woman was in bed with her lover when she heard her husband opening the front door. "Hurry!" she said, "Stand in the corner." She quickly rubbed baby oil all over him and then she dusted him with talcum powder. "Don't move until I tell you to." she whispered. "Just pretend you're a statue." "What's this, honey?" the husband asked as he entered the room. "Oh, it's just a statue." she replied nonchalantly. "The Smiths bought one for their bedroom. I liked the idea so much, I got one for us too." No more was said about the "statue." Around two in the morning, the husband got out of bed, went into the kitchen, and returned with a sandwich and a glass of milk. "Here." he said to the 'statue.' "Eat this. I stood like an idiot at the Smith's for three days and nobody offered me so much as a glass of water."

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knows his numbers.
 "Yes," he said. "I do. My father taught me."
 "Good. What comes after three."
 "Four," answers the boy.
 "What comes after six?"
 "Seven."
 "Very good," says the teacher. "Your dad did a good job. What comes after ten?"
 "A jack," says the kid. 😞😞😞😞



I can see our grand-dog Zack doing this. I'll swear he understands everything Geoff says.



It's No JOKE

DON'T DO IT!

Do you ever feel like your body's "check engine" light has been on and you're still driving it like "nah it'll be fine"?

Late last year I had one health problem after another. Nothing was serious or contagious so I kept on going until I was run down. Then I contacted Covid. Don't be a dill like I was. If you're sick stay home.

Yay.. After 5 weeks, I'm up and at it and ready to dance! Bring it on!



AND SO.. I missed our Christmas party. It wasn't an option to call it off as so many of you had spent so much time in preparation, and cost towards our Christmas dinner and hampers, and of course we were all looking forward to it.

I was in a total dilemma when, out of the blue, our good friend DJ Ian Duke offered to drive from Newcastle and back as guest host. He did, and made it a fabulous day to remember. All feedback has been positive, with lots of laughs and fun as it always is with Ian. Thank you, dear friend.

Big thank you to all of you for welcoming Ian and for working at making the day the very best possible.

Special mentions to Marie R, who once again handmade 50+ felt decorations as keepsakes for you; this year gingerbread men. Thanks also to hall supervisor Alan who came in on his day off to set up tables.. to everyone who donated and prepared hampers.. to Roz A for walking through dances.. to Debby, who with husband Ron also sold raffle tickets and helped wherever possible... to Sue L who drove over from Port to deliver food and help out, even though she couldn't stay as Stan was sick.. to Gemma who worked at the kitchen sink for so long..

And to 2022 beginners, who were so generous with food, helped out and took to everything like ducks to water.. to Joan K & Ros C, who went out of their way to call at our house to pick up raffle tickets and other bags...

To Robyn Hehir who returned bags to me after the party.. to others who delivered raffle prizes.. and to Jim who had to put up with me whinging because I couldn't be there.

A huge THANK YOU to you all.



MON 9 JAN	Classes resume at Kendall
TUES 10 JAN	Classes resume at Port Macquarie
MON 30 JAN	New beginners start at Kendall 10.30 am
TUES 31 JAN	New beginners start at Port 11 am
SAT 25 FEB	Forster workshops with Robyn Groot.

