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**OFFICER CADET SCHOOL, PORTSEA**  
**JUNE 1975 GRADUATING CLASS REUNION**  
**Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 June 2022**  
**Pacific Palms NSW**

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*Figure 1 Seven Mile Beach*

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Class will gather to reflect on a year, 48 years ago that had a great influence on the men that we have become. The temples may have greyed and some exaggeration may have been added to embellish the deeds of yesteryear but as shown at past reunions the bonds of camaraderie are still as strong as ever.

A midweek activity at this time of year has been formulated to get the best of the weather, avoid crowds and reduce the cost of travel and accommodation.

Activities will include twilight welcome drinks overlooking Wallis Lake, whale watching, beautiful beaches, wineries and a formal dinner to mark the significance of the occasion.

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*Figure 2 Pacific Palms Recreation Club at Sunset - Welcoming Drinks Venue*

## **LOCATION**

Pacific Palms is an area comprising the communities of Blueys, Boomerang, Elizabeth and Shelly Beaches and is 15 mins south of Forster on the NSW mid north coast. It is conveniently located and accessible by numerous transport modes as follows:

**By Road.** The journey by car is 3 to 3.5 hours from Sydney to Pacific Palms. Heading south from Brisbane will take approximately 7.5 hours.

**By Air** Virgin Blue and Jetstar operate flights to Newcastle from most Australian ports. A new service to Auckland has also been recently introduced. It is approximately a 1.5 hour drive from Newcastle Airport to Pacific Palms.

FlyPelican operate daily flights from Sydney to Taree, which is approximately a 30 minute drive to Pacific Palms. [Visit Fly Pelican to learn more](#)

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**By Train** The XPT train service between Sydney and Brisbane stops daily at Taree. Coach can then be accessed to Forster. [Visit Transport NSW for more information](#)

**By Coach** Busways provides daily services from Newcastle, Forster and Taree to Pacific Palms. Greyhound Australia operate daily coach services from Brisbane and Sydney stopping in Taree.

[Visit the Busways coach website](#)

[Visit the Greyhound coach website](#)



*Figure 3 Lake Wallis from Recreation Club*

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*Figure 4 Boomerang Beach*

## **REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS**

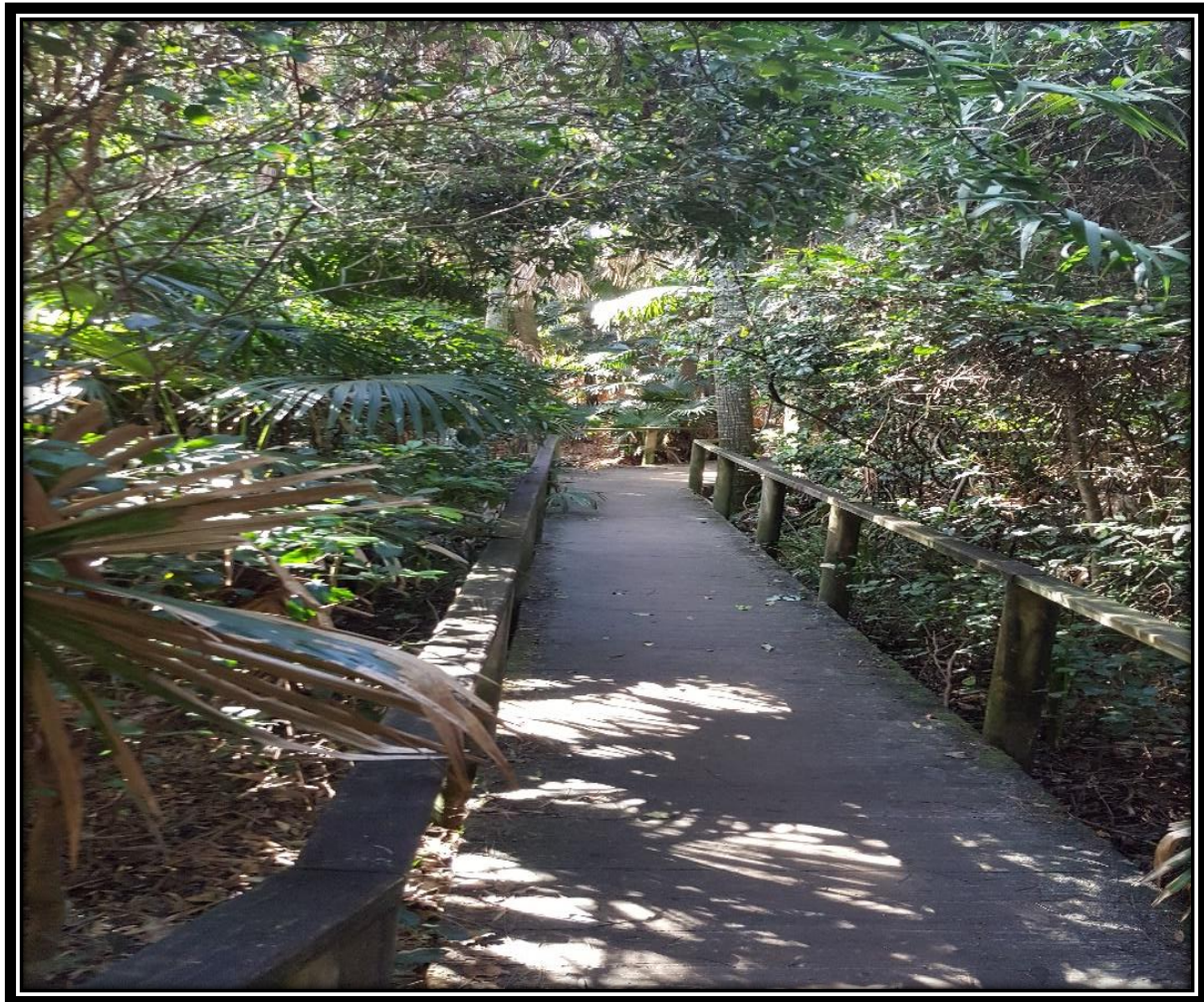
Pacific Palms is part of the Barrington Coast Tourist Area.

Indulge your curiosity, seek the road less travelled and take delight in the wonders of Barrington Coast Tourist Area. Explore high-altitude ancient rainforests and fertile valleys rich in agriculture; embrace charming towns; discover mighty rivers, untouched waterways and breathtaking beaches. Encompassing the Great Lakes, Manning Valley, Gloucester and the Barrington Tops plateau, the region spans over 10,000 kms<sup>2</sup> from

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world heritage Barrington Tops wilderness to the glittering Pacific Ocean on the mid north coast of New South Wales, Australia. (*Barrington Coast Web Site*)

Should you wish to enjoy a longer stay in the area this would be your own arrangement. Further detailed information on what the region has to offer can be found at [www.barringtoncoast.com.au](http://www.barringtoncoast.com.au)



*Figure 5 Littoral Rainforest Walk*

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*Figure 6 Fishing Boomerang Beach*

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## REUNION ORGANISING GROUP

The organising group comprises:

Name	Roll	Phone Number	Email
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*Figure 7 The Organising Group hard at work on your behalf at  
Isola, Little St Forster*



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## REUNION PROGRAM

Day/ Date	Time	Activity	Location	Dress	Comments
Tue 7 Jun	1730	Welcome Drinks	Pacific Palms Recreation Club	Casual	Overlooking Lake Wallis  Own cost
Wed 8 Jun	0945	Whale Watching Amaroo Cruises	Amaroo Wharf Forster	Casual	Whale watching season beginning June to late November  Adults \$75, Seniors \$70, own cost. Morning tea included.  2.5 to 3 hours
Wed 8 Jun	1300	Lunch	Various choices within 100m of Amaroo Wharf: Noodles, Pizza, Asian, Thai, Egyptian, Pub	Casual	Own cost
Wed 8 Jun	1900	Formal Dinner	Moby's Beachside Retreat	Black Tie/ Mess Dress	\$95 per head (payment in advance). Drinks at own cost
Thu 9 Jun	1000	Self-Drive Tour	Depart from Mobys Resort	Casual	Seal Rocks, then Great Lakes Paddocks Winery for lunch.  <i>Lunch \$18 per head (payment in advance).</i> Drinks at own cost
Thu 9 Jun	1830	Casual Dinner and Farewell Drinks	Pacific Palms Recreation Club	Casual	Own cost
Fri 10 Jun		Departure			Own arrangements

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*Figure 5 Seal Rocks Lighthouse*



*Figure 9 Seal Rocks*

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## ACCOMMODATION

Two accommodation venues have been approached to obtain rates, which are detailed in the table below. Other accommodation, including caravan park venues can be found at various tourist and accommodation web sites.

*Note: These may have varied since 2020.*

Venue	Address	Style	Cost
Mobys Beachside Retreat	4 Red Gum Rd, Boomerang Beach NSW (02) 6591 0000 <a href="http://www.mobys.com.au">www.mobys.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:bookings@mobys.com.au">bookings@mobys.com.au</a>	1 BR Beach House	2 nights \$360 3 nights \$495 4 nights \$640 5 nights 775
Blueys Retreat	285 Boomerang Dr, Blueys Beach NSW (02) 6554 0184 <a href="http://www.blueysretreat.com.au">www.blueysretreat.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:enquiries@blueysretreat.com.au">enquiries@blueysretreat.com.au</a>	1 BR Villa	2 nights \$360, then \$180 per night. However, stay for 4 nights and the 5th night is free.

*Note: In Bill's opinion the accommodation at Blueys Retreat is nicer. However, the downside is that it is 1.2 km from the dinner venue (Mobys)*



*Figure 6 Moby's Formal Dinner and Accommodation Venue*

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*Figure 7 Blueys Retreat Accommodation Venue*

### **ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENT**

Advice of attendance to Bill Monks is required by 31 March 2022 to enable final numbers for confirmation of dinner.

The only activities that require prepayment will be for the cost of the Formal Dinner (venue and food) and Lunch (food) at Great Lakes Paddocks Winery. All other costs are the responsibility of individuals.

Cost of the dinner and lunch at Great Lakes Paddocks Winery is \$113 per head. It should be noted that this could change slightly once final attendance numbers are known. *A final cost will be provided to attendees by Friday 13 May 2022.*

Payment should be made by Friday 28 May 2022. When making payment please reference payment using your surname. *Account details for payment will be provided to attendees with final costings on 13 May 2022.*

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*Figure 8 Moby's Pool*

***Come and spend a couple of days in a beautiful area, enjoy some time on the beach or by the pool; but most importantly enjoy the camaraderie of mates and the friendships that have lasted 46 years. The greater the turnout the better the celebration and the more enjoyment for all.***

***We look forward to seeing you all there and please contact one of us if you have any queries or suggestions to improve the activity.***

Regards: Bill, Phil and Col