

Anniversary Tour

"The Don" would endeavour to explain at this stage of the planning for the 2016 Harbour Tour

- the accommodation is now booked,
- the Commercial players have been informed and coming (although this year they have had to relocate from the motel next to the Plantation Hotel to the Bananatown Motel as they hadn't confirmed early enough – sounds appropriate Bananatown / Banana benders), and
- grounds are confirmed - along with the Brisbane loving umpires.

So, all is set for another great trip to Coffs Harbour.



The only thing missing from our end is for further fellow travellers to **confirm, with your deposits please,** at this stage of the proceedings so we can:

- gauge numbers for 2016
- pay accommodation,
- bus and
- shirt deposits.

Therefore, I have started by following in "The Don's" footsteps with his much appreciated (or so he told us it was appreciated) repertoire and sense of humour. However, being different to Don on several fronts (heavier and taller) I thought I'd start at the other end of his ABC's, from the 1st Newsletter (which I'm sure that you have all kept); I'll start at point C.

I have reprinted the ABC's in case you have misplaced your earlier newsletter and so you don't think I'm just annoying. **NB: "A" may come later!**

Has the hockey season started?

Yep, the hockey season has started, so, it must be time to learn the ABC again...

A. = annoy

B. = badger

C. = cajole (definition from Google) as Google knows everything: persuade (someone) to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery, e.g. "he hoped to **cajole her into** selling him her house".

Synonyms: persuade, wheedle, coax, talk into, manoeuvre, get round, prevail on, beguile, blarney, flatter, seduce, lure, entice, tempt, inveigle, woo;

Informal: sweet-talk, soft-soap, butter up, twist someone's arm;

Archaic: blandish

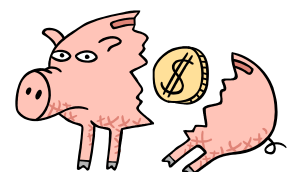
e.g. "he had been **cajoled into** escorting Nadia to a concert"



Therefore, don't worry about escorting Nadia to the concert; she'll get there on her own, just place a **\$200 deposit, or, at the very minimum, \$100,** as a down payment into the Greater account below, so I know you are coming with us but don't forget the **full price is \$ 450.**

The Greater Bank Account

BSB -637000



A/C number – 720797682

Please include your name on the deposit.

Further, it would be great if you could also send me an email to cath_col53@yahoo.com.au once deposited.

For those maybe not aware, the \$450 covers most meals, accommodation, games if you play and a polo shirt + great company and copious quantity of camaraderie over the 3 days.

Back to the Future:



So let's set the scene, it was 1992 almost 25 years ago when a band of hearty Tigers players, lead by Don Harrower "Commander and Chief", ventured into the great unknown (Queensland) in a minibus after starting from the Gates Hotel, Adamstown to Finsbury Park, Newmarket (Commercials home ground) to record the Tigers first memorable victory (on goal countback) and to start what has become a wonderful event to finish each Men's winter season. We currently have one member paid in full and signed up from those early days (John McLeod) and I know that there are others who have indicated their intent to make the much easier journey to Coffs Harbour for the 25th Anniversary in the comfort of a coach this time around.

Recently, I have been very fortunate, one might say (well at least Don would say), that Michelle has provided me with the plethora of Don's newsletters over the last 24 years and I have kept with the nostalgic theme and included a copy of the 1993 Newsletter when Commercials came to Newcastle and were accommodated at the Gates Hotel (our sponsor at the time) to bring back memories of those glorious days (well at least for us old fellows they were glorious days as we were younger and had all our hair at that time). Therefore, I have scanned and attached a copy of Don's reflective prose (as it was all done those days on a manual typewriter) for all to enjoy.

This year we are staying at the **Coastal Bay Motel**, you might say that's different to last year as we stayed at the Coachman's Inn (if you can remember last year). Well let me say that there has been a name and owner change but we haven't moved any closer to the water so no need to be afraid of a Tsunami coming as you will be perfectly safe or at least as safe as you have been any other year!



The drill is still the same: **DO NOT LOSE YOUR NEWSLETTER**, because **the following information is important!**

This year the **weekend** is: **14 to 16th October 2016**

We **depart**: **Newcastle Hockey Centre at 10.00 am 14th October 16**

We **return**: **Around 8.00 pm 16.10.16 to the Hockey Centre**

Draftee – Col (The Apprentice)

Attached: The 1993 Newsletter – They're Coming! They're Coming!

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THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING!

THEY BROKE THROUGH THE THATCHED PALM BOUNDARY FENCE AND WERE LAST SEEN HEADING SOUTH. LOCK UP YOUR GRANDMOTHER, HIDE YOUR BOOZE, BARRICADE YOURSELF IN YOUR FAVOURITE WATERING HOLE. GET RID OF THE CAT, OR JUST LEAVE TOWN. CAUSE IF YOU DONT THE COMMERCIAL GANG WILL GETCHA!!

YEP, THOSE DAMN COMMERCIALS ARE HEADING OUR WAY, BUT WITH ANY LUCK THEY WONT GET PAST NEWCASTLE.

I CALL UPON THE FLOUR OF OUR CITY, THE CREME DE LA CREME OF OUR CLUB TO TAKE UP CUDGELS (AT A PINCH HOCKEY STICKS WILL DO) TO DEFEND THE HONOUR OF THIS GLORIOUS CLUB. OUR BOTTLE PLAN IS THIS ON FRIDAY NIGHT THE 11TH OF JUNE WE SURROUND THEIR ENCLAVE (ALSO KNOWN AS THE GATES HOTEL.) AND DROWN THE WRETCHED WRATS.

WE TAKE NO PRISONERS.



JUST THINK BACK TO OUR VISIT LAST OCTOBER WHEN VERY CUNNINGLY THEY MANAGED TO NOBBLE 4 OF OUR BRAVE LADS BEFORE TAMWORTH! (SOME ONE SAID BERESFIELD BUT WE ARE BETTER THAN THAT)

IF, AGAINST ALL ODDS THEY SURVIVE, WE MEET THEM ON THE FIELD OF CONQUEST AT 2PM ON SATURDAY THE 12TH. THOSE OF THEM THAT SURVIVE THIS ONSLAUGHT WILL THEN BE URGED BACK TO THE GATES FOR A WEE DRAM AND SOME SOLID SUSTENANCE. (BEWARE THE TROJAN RISSOLE) BY 7PM WE WILL HAVE PARTAKEN OF A GLORIOUS REPAST, MOUNTED OUR TRUSTY STEED AND BEGIN CRUISING FOR A BOOZING. COME THE SABBATH WE JOUST AGAIN AT 10AM. AFTER THE TRUCE IS DECLARED WE DECAHP TO TATTERSAIS CLUB FOR LUNCH AND PRESENTATIONS.

THIS IS A MIXED AFFAIR AND LADIES WILL BE MOST WELCOME. WE CAN THEN SETTLE IN OR JOURNEY TO FAR OFF REALMS LIKE THE BREWERY, SOUTH STEYNE OR THE KENT.

THE CHOICE WILL BE YOURS.

SIGNED D. HARROWER
MINISTER FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS

P S IF YOU PLAY YOU PLAY - OK?