

1st ANZ Vindi Reunion Coffs Harbour 2001

The weekend event at Coffs Harbour NSW was a great success going by the comments made at our farewell BBQ hosted by Terry and Maureen Hales at their caravan park. Upon arriving and booking into our motel which was just \$39, we headed out to the jetty and boat harbour to meet up with our fellow Vindi boys and partners for a fish & chip lunch. Being a bit breezy we slowly took over the inside of the eatery, a beautifully executed tactical manoeuvre.

After introductions and a few yarns we decided to meet up again at 4.30 pm in the RSL where a formal dinner was arranged for 6.30 pm unfortunately wires got crossed, so as the QLD mob had a drink and waited in the Garden Bar the others did the same in the Sportsman Bar but come 5.30 pm we corrected this error. The dinner interspersed with speeches and fine wine was very sociable and very enjoyable. Later a photo session was organized on the stairs and many photos taken.

A breakfast down at the jetty saw us off to a good start with the smell of the sea air mixed with bacon and eggs and big pots of tea. Brian Hunt knocking off four big cups said “that if he had known that he was going to be so thirsty this morning he would have drunk more last night” He also gave us all a shock when choking on a tablet.

Sadly some of the lads had to leave early so were unable to attend the BBQ, the Queensland lads did not hang around too long after eating so as to reach Brisbane in the early evening. During the BBQ, Gordon Cohen, Rob Lynde, and Brian Hunt did their impersonation of the “Full Monty” in good fun to promote Rick Shaw's Vindi embroidered shirts, it was well choreographed and well executed, but really just a tease.

The reunion saw us meet new friend and in my case old ones as well as Harry Pemberton and his wife June came out from New Zealand for the meeting. I am looking forward to next years and reunion and reacquainting myself with new found friends.

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