

MAY 2011: Our meeting was held on Monday, May 2, at the Yamba Bowling Club.

Well, the Easter holidays and Anzac Day are over for another year.

For a bit of trivia, this is the first time that Anzac Day and Easter Monday have both fallen on the same day since 1859, although Anzac Day didn't exist then. Of course, 1859 is the exact same year that rabbits were first introduced into Australia. The next Easter-Anzac Day clash will be in 2038.

Trading was reported by our members to be good over the holiday period despite the continual wet weather. There appeared to be an early exit of visitors at the end of Easter, probably due to commitments to Anzac services and parades at their home towns.

Generally, April was a good trading month in Yamba with many businesses reporting equal or greater sales than last year. Let's hope the trend continues for us all.

We have five new members to welcome. Yamba Street Café has taken over what was known as the Sound Lounge. Opposite them, Caperberry Café has joined us as well. Blue Allure nearby has joined. Down the street in the infamous Yamba Town Square building, Sprucies, skin care and beauty therapy and Shack, home wares, gifts, fashion and lifestyle, have arrived. Shack has only this week opened for business. Please welcome them all by becoming a customer. It is great to have new businesses in Yamba.

The chamber's plan to have a water station (bubbler and tap in the old language) on the corner of Yamba and Coldstream Sts, has hit a snag. While we have offered to pay for the purchase, Clarence Valley Council is unable at this time to fund the installation and maintenance. It will be considered in next year's budget.

We have continued to follow up the replacement of our "Yamba" town entrance sign. We have been shuffled around a little and now we appear to be getting a little closer to a result. We are in constant discussion with Council about it.

Yamba's Pacific Highway signage is once again under review and we have been involved with some discussion about improving it, especially from the south.

Many people comment how confusing it is and too many actually miss the turnoff altogether. Not very good for tourism, we hope to change it.

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