

# BEHIND THE BAR



## HOTELS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR TATHRA

Hoteliers from Shellharbour to the Victorian border showed support for the Tathra community by holding a Combined AHA NSW Sub-Branch meeting at The Tathra Hotel recently.

AHA NSW Director of Liquor and Policing John Green joined hoteliers from three sub-branches - South Coast, Far South Coast and The Snowy Mountains – in a town recovering from a devastating bushfire in March.

Green said the Association was proud to show its support for the Tathra community after the bushfire destroyed 69 homes and 39 caravans and cabins.

"Whilst The Tathra Hotel itself narrowly avoided being destroyed by the bushfire, the fire did substantial damage elsewhere, so it was a no-brainer to move the meeting location to Tathra to inject some business into the town," he said.

"We've previously contributed to fundraising here, however, hoteliers from across the region were keen to do more to support the local economy and community."

The meeting included a briefing from police on the re-engineered NSW Police Force structure which saw the Far South Coast and Shoalhaven Local Area Command amalgamated.

"With assaults on licensed premises in the Far South Coast area alone down an impressive 56 per cent in the last decade, we discussed how we can continue to work together," said Green.

Owners of The Steam Packet Hotel in Nelligen were also on hand to pass on a cheque for \$12,341 to the Tathra Mayoral Appeal.

The small hotel near Batemans Bay held a fundraiser for the town on Saturday, 31 March 2018.



## PM HEADS TO THE PEACHTREE FOR POLITICS IN THE PUB

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull faced the ultimate pub test when he headed to The Peachtree Hotel in Penrith for a politics in the pub event on Monday, 14 May, 2018.

With a beer in hand, the PM fielded questions from the packed pub alongside Federal Minister for Defence and Senator for Western Sydney Marise Payne.

The crowd of almost 150 quizzed the Prime Minister about plans for the new Western Sydney airport, aged care, mental health, housing affordability, rising energy prices, terrorism, the banking Royal Commission and how young people fared in last month's Federal Budget.

"We've had a budget which embodies in its objectives the spirit of this community, which is one of enterprise," the PM told the crowd.

He said his Government was investing more resources than any government in Australia's history towards mental health, and electricity prices were on the slide after changes to gas exportation laws.

Peachtree Hotel licensee and AHA NSW delegate Colin Parras said he has held many politics in the pub events.

"It's a good chance for people to ask questions in a more casual setting," he said.



## HIGHFIELD CARINGBAH LAUNCHES NEW MENU

The Shire's favourite high-rise pub, Highfield Caringbah, has introduced new autumn menus across two of their dining precincts; The Botanical and Public House.

Executive Chef, Paul Pirecca, said he wanted to have fun with these menus and bring some nostalgia into people's dining experience.

"Eating should not only be about sustenance, it should also be about memories and I think that's what we have created with our new autumn menus.

"We wanted to ensure all our customers have been considered, from the young and busy family to the health conscious to the late-night cocktail hour patrons."

A variety of dishes have been added to highlight seasonal produce, including the braised lamb shoulder pie, served with peas, mash and gremolata and classic pork san choy bow, served with salty and spicy soy chilli sauce and toasted cashews.

"A dish I think everyone needs to try is our Head Chef Justin's famous warm sticky date pudding with fresh figs, candied macadamias and rum & raisin ice cream," Pirecca said.

"I literally watched a grown woman cry of joy while eating this the other night."

Public House has taken its classic pub-style menu to the next level with the launch of its dedicated 'Loaded Toppers' menu, a variety of toppers available to load onto your schnitzel or chips. The 'Sticky Ribby' topper is not for the faint-hearted, with slow smoked beef, special BBQ sauce and cheese.

The newly added Feast Board is the perfect accompaniment to a group of mates watching the sport on the largest screens in the Shire. It includes fish tacos, crispy fried chicken, salt and pepper squid, sticky pork ribs and wedges. If you believe bigger is better, be sure to take on the 'Holy Schnit'; a food challenge not to be taken lightly.

## MERIVALE RE-OPENS THE COLLAROY

Iconic Northern Beaches hotel, The Collaroy, has reopened after an extensive refurbishment.

Merivale CEO Justin Hemmes told The Manly Daily the year-long renovation focused on the location.

"The Collaroy has one of the best views. I think it's just as good as Bondi Icebergs," he told the paper.

"The view is the focus, we have opened it up and stripped it back so that it is one flowing space," he said.

The main entrance of the pub has been moved away from the main road and the upstairs ceiling has been raised, and deeper windows look out towards the ocean.

The beachfront pub and its adjoining kiosk can seat 600 customers and will serve a variety of food and beverage options including Vinnie's Pizza and two upstairs bars and an open kitchen.

Downstairs is deli-style café and wine bar with a family-friendly children's play area.

"The feel is a nostalgic pavilion by the sea, similar to Coogee Pavilion," Hemmes told the paper.



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