

# THE AMBLING AUSTINS

## PART 5 NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER



SAM WAS HAPPY TO SEE US HOME

Waiting for us when we arrived home on 23 October, was an invitation to yet another surprise party in my Aldridge clan. This time it was to be in Port Macquarie. It was to a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for my father's youngest sister Beryl's daughter, Lyn and her husband John Reynolds.

It must be anniversary season, because we joined Norm's brother, Sam and his wife Trish for dinner on 26 October to celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

I popped down to Canberra on 3 November to catch up with family.

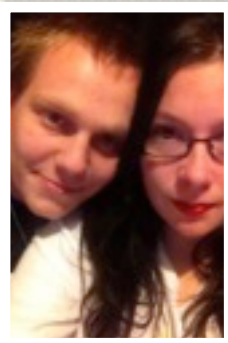


TRISH AND SAM

As well as seeing Jennifer, Deb, Darcy, Liz and her boyfriend, David, I also managed to get out to the Block where I found Tony surveying his hard work. He has done a fabulous job of clearing the front paddock, which had been overrun by black wattle. As always I

loved being back on the block, even though it was a short visit.

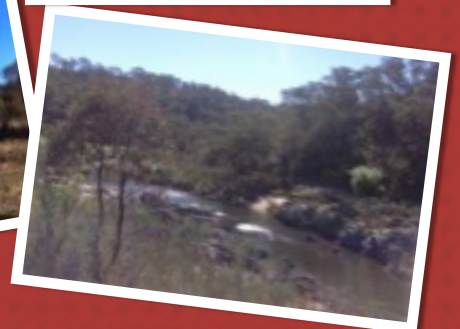
We hitched up the KK on 7 November to head up to Port Macquarie. We camped overnight in the front yard of Norm's son, James and his partner Liz in Sydney.



LIZ & BOYFRIEND DAVID



TONY AT THE BLOCK





Norm and I camped next to Louise and Pete Menzies at the Leisure Park Van Park in Port Macquarie. We enjoyed catching up with them again.

The party the next night was a great affair. The poor bride and groom were suitably surprised when they entered the decorated hall to be greeted by the unexpected guests. Once they recovered from the shock, we all settled down and had a great time celebrating their special occasion.



MY 2ND COUSINS NEIL MILLS & LOUISE MENZIES



LYN & JOHN REYNOLDS



THE BRIDAL WALTZ?



JOHN TELLING TALL TALES TO PETE MENZIES & NORM



JOHN'S MUM, BEV, LYN & JOHN



PETE MENZIES & WAYNE REYNOLDS



DARREN REYNOLDS



LYN REYNOLDS



AND OF COURSE YMCA



COUSINS JUNE MILLS & SUE



COUSINS SHIRLEY TILLMAN & JUNE MILLS





GLOUCESTER VALLEY & BARRINGTON TOPS

Before we turned for home, Norm and I decided to camp in the Gloucester area, near Barrington Tops. We found a fabulous camp on a property beside the Gloucester River. Several of the locals, including lovely red and green king parrots, wallabies and possums called in to say hello. Also, the resident bell birds kept up a constant carillon of sound in the background accompanied by the deep drum of the frogs down in the dam.



GOUCESTER



WE CROSSED ABOUT 5 CAUSEWAYS TO GET TO CAMP

We are now back home, preparing to set sail for 9 days on the Voyager of the Seas from Sydney to Noumea and Fiji from 18 December. David, and Karen and their children Ryan and Abbi are joining us on our last adventure for this year.



GLOUCESTER RIVER VAN PARK

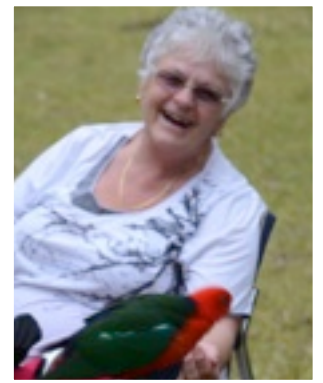
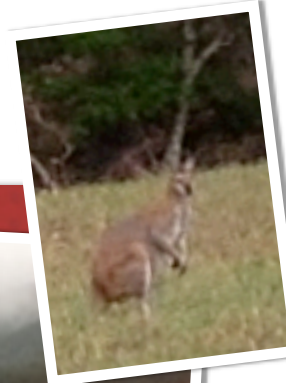


For 2014 we are planning a much less busy year. Yes, I can hear you all say "tell us another!"

The only trip planned apart from Diamond Head is down to Tasmania in November for a reunion with Norm's Vietnam Vet Mates.

Talk to you all next year...

**WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, SAFE AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**



SUE & CAMP BUDDIES



CAMP AT GLOUCESTER RIVER