

CARACAMPERS 2025 - October 20-25

It has been hard to organize for this year with time restrictions and several sites already booked out. Also parks will not hold the cabins for long without a deposit. Some not at all.

We would like to survey members for future years and changing membership requirements. (Currently going with 5 nights, and mainly cabins.)

We Have looked at over 40 different sites (also about 10 other facilities.)

South coast, by van Dorst's

North coast and inland by Mackenzie's.

Very few able to take 50 ppl (20+ cabins) and have an undercover area to meet for that number. As a team we visited a short list of 6 between here and Port Macquarie.

HALLIDAYS POINT

Happy Hallidays Big 4. (Just under 2 hrs away.)

- Cabins a good standard, fresh furnishings and updates, walk in showers (except spa cabins) but not new.
- Mid price range, affordable for most.
- Recognise it won't suit everyone.
- Pet Policy: pets are not allowed in common areas, (ie cannot join in with group events) Pets cannot be left alone in a cabin or campsite.

Pros

- They have enough cabins and a range of types and prices.
- Covered indoor and outdoor meeting areas & BBQ's. (easily take 50)
- Positive and helpful management.
- Only 2 hrs away.

Cons

- Out of town, need to drive to most places.
(17 mins to Forster, 10mins to other beaches/areas)
- But good tavern and basic shops close.

Costs

Cabins \$525 (for 5 nts)

Larger ones \$750.

Powered sites \$225.

Last year costs of \$115/pp for the group meals and activities (excluding the lunch out) which we expect to be similar this year.

SO.....You want to attend CARA CAMPERS?

WHAT NOW?

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- * email us at ppscaracampers@gmail.com to indicate your interest.
- * Also please indicate where you would like to help, either running an activity or helping someone else, setting up or cleaning up. We don't feel comfortable running the cocktail party, so therefore we have asked the Dodds to run it. We will need people to come forward to work on the other activities.
- * **50 names have been accepted on the list, and there is now a will be a waiting list.** Past experience has shown that most on the waiting list eventually get bumped up to the main list, so don't panic.
- * Refer to the sheet with all the contact details you will need.
- * By the end of business today, we will email the list to Happy Hallidays, and update as necessary.

ONCE YOU MAKE IT TO THE LIST OF 50.....

- * Check out the website, Search: Big 4 Happy Hallidays
- * It may take you to Hampshireholidays.com, just make sure you select Big 4 Happy Hallidays Holiday Park
- * Browse the cabins and decide what will suit you best. Some of the bigger ones may be suitable to share with another couple, but they all only have one bathroom, so you need to be comfortable sharing the facilities.

DO NOT BOOK ONLINE.

TO BOOK:

- * **PHONE: Between Friday 11/4 and Thursday 17/4**
Phone: Happy Halliday Holiday Park 9.00am-4.00pm **65592967**
Email: reception.hhp@hpg.au (sometimes their phones get very busy)
- * **State you are from Probus Club of Port Stephens** to receive your discount.
- * If your name is on the list, they will accept your booking and notify us.
- * If your name is not on the list. They will notify us to add you to the list/waiting list.
- * Book your cabin or site.
- * Pay your deposit of 1 night's accommodation

NOTIFY US THAT YOU HAVE MADE YOUR BOOKING by email at:

pps.caracampers@gmail.com

** If you find your plans change and you now can't attend, in all fairness to those on the waiting list, **please notify the Cara Camper organisers (below)** who will fill your spot from waiting list.

**Sarah & Angus Mackenzie
Julie & Tony van Dorst**