



**Amelia Grace Hale now  
6 months old**



**Mitchell & Rachael's  
wedding**

### Some New Truths...

~Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9.00 pm is the new midnight!

~When I say "the other day" I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

~Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

~When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why what did you hear?"

~My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

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So how are you all going? It's been a while hasn't it! **Life in 2020** has really been an emotional rollercoaster for everyone in one way or another.

If someone had told you all back in 2018 that this is what 2020 would be like, we all would not have believed it!

### **For Alan and I, it's been a year where all plans went out the window.**

As you all know, we moved out of the shop in The Link in March. Since that time, we've adjusted to our new "new" here in the depot. We were very fortunate that we had the office space here ready to go. We've filled our time by sorting through paperwork, scanning, crying, typing emails, planning tours and then rescheduling them, crying, shuffling papers, drinking coffee, crying and scratching our heads wondering what to do! We have been blessed to have been able to do some Train Coach work which has kept our drivers busy for periods of time.

### **As usual with lots of negatives, there's always been positives too.**

In our March newsletter I told you all that our son Mitchell's wedding to Rachael had been planned for 27 March and we were looking forward to it. Well that wedding was cancelled 5 days out due to Covid 19 rule changes. After much debate, tears & preparation they finally got **married** on **14 August** and it was such a magical time. I don't think I've ever been to a prettier wedding! It was held at their farm and was just wonderful. Unfortunately John, Alicia & Millie were not able to come down for it due to border closures, so it was a last minute change of groomsmen for Mitchell!

**Our granddaughter Amelia (Millie)** is growing up way too fast but unfortunately, due to Qld border closures we only get to see her via video. She's 6 months old now and Nanny Nell can't wait to get a cuddle!

Apart from that, Alan & I have been enjoying the **fruits of my veggie garden**—beans, peas, carrots, strawberries, spring onions, leeks, corn, zucchini's, sweet potato & cabbage. There's nothing better than eating fresh out of your own garden. Oh and fresh eggs too!

Have you been looking at our **Northland Coach & Travels' Facebook** page? Every single day since we moved out of the shop (27 March) I've put up a Facebook post. Some of the posts are to put a smile on your dial, others to give you something to think about and most of all to let you know that we are still alive and well. ☺

So just like you, we are going a little **crazy** not being out on the road and have decided to once again **dabble our toes in the water with some Day trips**. Unfortunately tours of any length are just way too hard at the moment. We even had to cancel a simple little overnight trip in July as Covid regulations just got in the way.

So see over for what our dates for **Upcoming Day Trips** will be. There's a little bit of variety in each of them. We have decided to only have a maximum of 25 people on each trip (even though the Govt says we can have a full coach load!!). We want to be fair to everyone and we want to spread the freedom around.

Payment will be via credit card over the phone or we will accept payment on the day either in an envelope with your name on it and the correct amount or we will try and have our eftpos machine on the coach. **Please note** that there will be no refunds available on day trips so if you commit, we need you to be fair to your fellow travellers and you should show up or alternatively find a friend to take your place. Again, we just want it fair for everyone.

**One more thing**, in times like this it's nice to hear from you our customers, our friends, so please feel free to give us a quick call, send us a Facebook message, an email or even a nice card in the mail would be nice. I know a lot of you have said that you have been wanting to connect with us but thought that we might have been inundated. Well we haven't and we'd love to hear from you all.

**So finally keep safe, read on and we hope to hear from you all soon, Janelle xx**

Janelle xxx

# Upcoming Day Trips



## FIRST DAY TRIP— MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020



**Depart Maclean 8.00 am**

**Market Square 8.45 am**

**South Grafton Interchange 9.00 am**

Just a simple little day trip down to **Coffs Harbour**. First stop **Park Beach Plaza** where you can do a bit of retail therapy and purchase some Morning Tea. Then we transfer to **Coffs Harbour Jetty** where you can purchase your own lunch or bring along your own picnic lunch. Do a spot of **whale watching**! A short drive then to **Toormina** for more retail therapy at **Kmart Toormina** where you can buy all those items you don't need! If you want to buy up big, there's plenty of room in the bin of the coach for you!



It's a get out of the house, wander the shops in a different town, catch up with your friends and enjoy a day in the sunshine.

**Cost \$50.00 per person ~~~~ Limited to the first 25 people who book in!**

## FUTURE DAY TRIP DATES

Then for future day trips we are thinking one per week to a **Mystery** destination. Each trip will be different!

We will keep them nice and simple. On these trips, we'll provide the morning tea and you bring along your own picnic lunch or purchase your own. These day trips will, although a Mystery to you, will be to some of the lovely areas around the North Coast. North, South, East and West!

**Cost will be \$50.00 per person.**

**Bookings are essential and again are limited to the first 25 persons.  
Please call our office on 6643 1212 to make your booking.**



**Future dates will be:-**

**WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER  
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER  
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER \***

**\*WEAR YOUR PURPLE TO CELEBRATE JACARANDA WEEK**

**TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER  
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER  
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER  
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER \*\***

**\*\*WEAR YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS ATTIRE TO CELEBRATE AN EARLY CHRISTMAS**



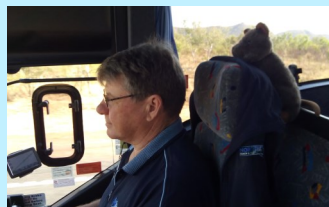
**PLEASE NOTE OUR OFFICE HOURS HAVE NOW CHANGED TO 9.00 AM TO 3.00 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY and sometimes even these times will vary. We are making the most of not being busy!**

**If you get the answering machine, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as we can.**

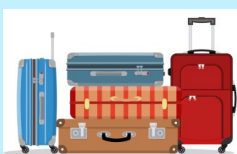
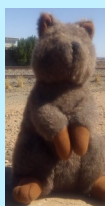
# Remember when we travelled....



*Making memories*



WE DIDN'T REALIZE  
we were  
**MAKING MEMORIES**  
WE JUST THOUGHT  
we were  
**HAVING FUN**



## Are you on Facebook?

Have you liked our Northland Coach & Travel Facebook page?

We would love it if you could **LIKE** our page and share any posts with your friends. The more people who know about Northland and our trips, the better for everyone. If you need help "SHARING" just give our office a call and we'll help you.

It's a modern world out there!



## BENEFITS OF LAUGHING:

- reduces chance of heart disease
- natural pain killer
- improves breathing
- helps you lose weight
- gives good sleep
- decreases stress
- makes you look young
- boosts relationships



**THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO LAUGH!**



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### Hilarious things my mother taught me!

- ~My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- ~My mother taught me **RELIGION**. "You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- ~My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- ~My mother taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."
- ~My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**. "If you fall out of the swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."
- ~My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- ~My mother taught **IRONY**. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- ~My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**. "Shut your mouth and eat your dinner."
- ~And finally my mother taught me about **STAMINA**. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

*God bless our mothers.*

