

Wet weather fails to deter campers

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Camping Christmas: Maureen, Chris, Sarah and Sally Diener set up camp in the rain at Yamba's Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort yesterday.

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STEADY rain as they set up camp yesterday didn't dampen the Diener family's enthusiasm about their annual holiday at Yamba.

Arriving to a sodden campsite after their Pacific Highway pilgrimage from the Sydney suburb of Miranda, Chris said the family had been holidaying at the Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort for the past 12 years.

"Nothing dampens Yamba," he said.

"But it's the first time we have had to set up in the rain."

Even a tree branch falling on their tent during 19 out of 21 wet days a few years back didn't stop them coming back.

"We will still go to the beach, go swimming and fishing while we are here and if the rain is constant we will play cards and go to the movies," he said.

"It's just a lovely place to come and relax and get away from the pace of Sydney."

Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort manager Sheila Moore said like the Dieners, many families have formed friendships over years of holidaying at the resort.

"We haven't had any cancellations as yet due to the rain," she said.

"More than 100 families are due to arrive on Boxing Day, which will see us at capacity."

Ms Moore said the resort had holiday activities planned for families, regardless of the wet weather, including Carols by Candlelight.

The word was the same all over the Lower Clarence.

Karen Toms, who manages Yamba's Calypso Caravan Park, the Woody Head Camping Ground and the Iluka Riverside Caravan Park said they hadn't had any cancellations due to wet weather.

"We lost a few regulars due to financial reasons, but we filled them with people on waiting lists," she said.

"We are expecting a lot of people to arrive on Christmas Day and Boxing Day ... we will be pretty much at capacity."