



RNZN Reunion

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Reunion Status:

The message being sent out to all interested “**Get registered**” 30 Jun-08 will be here soon!!

The reunion numbers for April 2009 are continuing steadily with registrations & fees being forwarded at regular intervals over the last 3 months following the first newsletter email. We have been sending out requests for reunion info & registration forms at regular intervals to all areas of Australia, New Zealand and have had confirmation from the US and Singers, so all in all it auger well for next year. There are ex jacks who don't have email or are not on this list feel free to copy to your contacts and cc us in on the mail and we will add them to our” General RNZN” email list.

We expect that registration momentum will increase as we head to our forecast cut-off date of 30 Jun-08 that is only 4 or 5 weeks away.

We have been asked – why the 30th of June – while it is a date that is not locked in concrete, the committee feels that it certainly allows us the necessary time to get our act together and all required planning finalised by the end of October/November. This would include stuff like accommodation, transportation and all the various day-to-day events of the reunion. we envisage a co-ordinated approach from all involved so it minimises stress for all parties over the period of the reunion.

It was requested that we put out a list of names for all those who have registered so far however, we will probably hold off on that information until after registration closes. Honestly, do you need to know if “Jack” is there before you will register? Trust me – he or she will be registered or a suitable navy brother or sister to take his place!!

Why Attend?

The question regularly occurs why attend a RNZN reunion - the obvious response “why not”, the opportunity to catch up with friends who we shared our teens and early years with, where we learnt to drink, where we learnt to smoke, where we learnt to swear, where we improved our knowledge of the English language and learnt another, many reasons, just need to find one.

Venue - Chifley Hotel/Penrith Panthers 4.5 Star

Our venue is currently undergoing an AUS \$25 Million upgrade which again augers well for our reunion. The Panthers renovation will take about 9 months and it is thought the renovation will include a range of “Cafeteria’s” and other features that will be benefit our reunion. Is this the future reunion location? See below! Thanks to Frank & Lexie for the pics.



Formal Dinner:

The formal dinner, is the focal point of our reunion and as such we are trying to be flexible in regards to family and friends who you may wish to attend. As far as the committee is concerned we are primarily looking at pusser registrations – once we get confirmed no's of who is attending, we can then confirm, how many seats can be made available for “whanau” at the Formal dinner.

The Evans theatre, at Panthers where we have arranged the formal will take a fixed no of people, – but as we fill our numbers' obviously – the options for whanau & or friends reduces.

We will have whanau or friends for “Formal” night functions resolved well before the function. So, if you have friends and or family who may wish to attend & who may reside in localised Sydney let us know now. Do not wait until the “formal”, if you do it may not happen.



We suggest that everyone who attends the formal books in at the Chifley's for that night – and as we have the Cenotaph function, the next morning be available for that function as well. Our committee will look at booking additional rooms for this Saturday & the Sunday night and we will advise the situation once sorted.

As regards family & friends attending other functions i.e “meet & greet”, while we have not discussed that option in depth, I believe, that if it is a function where all attendees have contributed to via registration fees, there would be a need for a financial consideration. If for example there was a tab on the bar, it would be available to all attending.

Sydney Residents

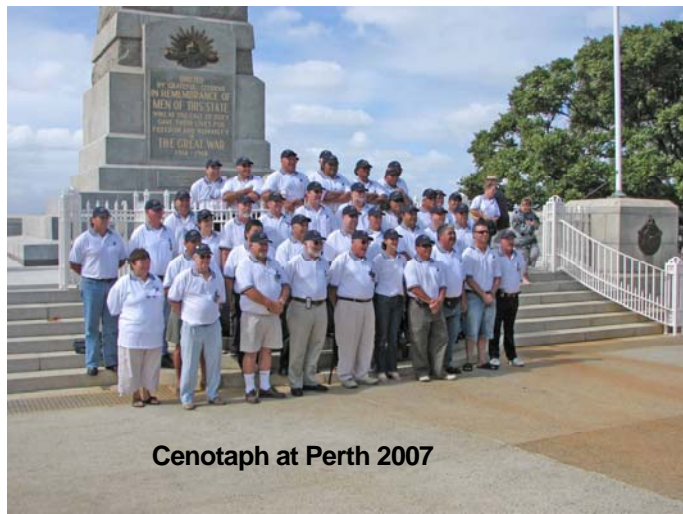
Sydney residents are reminded that they are required to register and pay the registration fee as are all attendees. While some are local and will commute from home others due to distances will opt to book into the Chifley. Entrance to all social gatherings will be by ID tags and will be checked by Chifley/Panthers security.

Transportation

While our plan is to co-ordinate pickups from both the international and domestic airports some form of sponsorship will decide how this happens in reality. We are looking for a sponsor to help in this area.

It is important that we co-ordinate arrivals from NZ as well as the States to best satisfy this arrangement. Our “Meet & Greet” will take place at 15:30 so it is best if all were at the venue by 14:00 at the latest. We are aware that not everyone will fit into this window.

An alternative. There is a rail option available at both airports which takes passengers to Central. From Central it is a process of catching the Penrith Service. The trip is 60 to 90 minutes depending on type of service.



Cenotaph at Perth 2007

Activities

The following activities can be organised for individuals or groups

1. White water rafting – Olympic venue
2. Golf – 5 or 6 golf courses in the area
3. Touch football – we have an area set aside for us.
4. Easter show – rail direct to the Show grounds at Homebush Bay
5. Blue Mountains and environs.
6. NRL league – Super 14 options – more about these options as we move forward.
7. Water skiing
8. Theatre shows – Factory Outlet tours
9. Team games – any ideas.

Registration:

1. If it is your intention to attend, please complete and send the **Registration Form** and your **registration fee** to the bank account nominated on the Registration Form.
2. Do not fill in the registration form and send it back to us if you have not paid the registration fee. It will create unnecessary work for us and without the fee the registration will not occur.
3. When sending any monies, it is most important that you ask your bank to use your service no and name as a reference for the deposit. (This stops the clash of names when allocating funds to those attending).
4. All deposits to the RNZN Reunion (Aust) bank account will be receipted by email within 30 days of receipt. Please ensure that email addresses are correct and any address changes are sent to a committee member.
5. For those who do not have email and have been given the registration form – get the form and fee back to us by mailing to 56 Glengarry Drive Glenmore Park NSW 2745 Australia and we will communicate through the postal system.
6. If sending money from outside of Australia i.e NZ or the States you must USE the swift code, which is on the Registration Form and repeated here ANZBAU3M – NOTE your bank should ask for it.
7. It is envisaged that the Registration will close on the 30th of June or when room allocations and formal dinner, seating numbers are reached.
8. Note please ensure that all registration fees send to our account in Sydney is AUS\$50.00 per person after all fees.