



RNZN Reunion

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Reunion Overview:

The reunion is held bi-annually for all ex members of the Royal New Zealand Navy who are now resident in Australia. The difference from other reunions is that this reunion is open to all branches, all intakes and all ships and the other difference, it is held in Australia. While the above statement is true, the previous reunions have been well supported by ex and current members who are resident in New Zealand and they have been a key element in the success of the previous 2 reunions.

The first 2 reunions have been well supported and we trust that this will continue with young jacks meeting old jacks and old jacks meeting even older jacks. A great opportunity to rekindle old war stories with great mates from before.

Reunion Format:

The format for the reunion was established at the reunion held in Alice Springs in 2003. We are not re-inventing the wheel, with this reunion, will continue to follow the same format that was established in Alice Springs and continued on in Perth in 2007. This is a quick snapshot of the 5 day program and while the general format is locked in the “how” is subject to change. Why 5 days – why not!

- Thursday 9th The reunion will kick off at about 15:30 at the official powhiri and will be immediately followed by the “meet & greet” where all of us will have ample opportunity to renew old acquaintances. During this time TC’s Bar will be open and food will be available.
- Friday 10th TBA – We do have a field or an area allocated for our use any ideas email Ken Johnston.
- Saturday 11th The Formal dinner will start at about 19:30 and it is anticipate that it will be held in the Evans Theatre – before that, there will be ample opportunities to take in some of the sites, e.g Easter Show, Markets or Shopping, maybe just resting!!
- Sunday 12th Cenotaph – Kangaroo Court – Location & format to be advised.
- Monday 13th Luncheon Bar-B-Q with reunion wrap and handover to the planning committee for the 2011 reunion.

Venue - Chifley Hotel/Penrith Panthers 4.5 Star

Venue selection was a lengthy and hectic process and included approaches from SOPA (Sydney Olympic Park Authority) plus numerous other establishments from Bondi to the Blue Mountains (actually Hills) and Wollongong in the south to the Coast in the north. It was eventually wrapped when our team had a final meeting with Chifley Hotel Group in Penrith which sealed their selection as our venue for the 2009 reunion. The Chifley is about 5mins by taxi to the rail, and from there you have the state at your mercy.

Chifley at Penrith Panthers adjoins Panthers World of Entertainment offering live entertainment for all ages. The Sports Bar and TAB open onto a barbecue courtyard, which over looks the Aqua Golf site.

For more information:
<http://panthersworld.panthers.com.au/default.aspx?id=116>



Room Rates

We have been able to negotiate (for this peak period) rates which we feel are excellent – and bear in mind “Panthers is much cheaper than drinking in pubs or hotels”.

Deluxe Rooms –	\$125.00 Room Only	Extra Rollout bed -	\$40.00
Superior Rooms –	\$125.00 Room Only		
Executive Room -	\$135.00 Room Only		

Restaurants

There are heaps available. Within Panthers Club itself, Flavours, Panarottis, Mings, Legends and within the Panthers grounds you'll find several other restaurants and eateries such as KFC, Krispy Kreme, Lone Star Steakhouse, McDonalds, Silver Spur Steak Ranch.

Formal Dinner:

The formal dinner will be one of the focal points of the reunion and as such we are trying to be flexible in regards to family and friends who may reside in the Sydney area and who you may like to attend. If you are likely to be in this situation we need to know this information as soon as is possible. We will re-visit this in the months to come.

Sydney Residents

While nothing is compulsory like all great experiences, to get the very best out of the reunion and the weekend I would suggest that those of us who reside in Sydney may be better served by being a part of the reunion from start to finish and like those who ran the reunions before us – live in. More of the program will be released as we move forward.

Committee

As can be seen we are a small committee however we reserve the "right" to conscript as we move forward. I am aware that many have already made themselves available to assist in areas when the reunion is close at hand and for that we are certainly grateful.



Transportation

This is an items that need to be addressed and our plan is to co-ordinate pickups from both the international as well as the domestic. For this to occur it is important that we co-ordinate arrivals as best possible to satisfy this arrangement. There is transportation available from the Panthers to cater for those going into down town Penrith which is probably no more than a 15 minute stroll from the Chifley.

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 cannot 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.

