

# 17 CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON WORKSHOPS VIETNAM ASSOCIATION MINI-NEWSLETTER

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**2 MONTHS TO GO**

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## **Message from President Bob**

Hi All,

It's not long now until our reunion in June. Following is some information on what to bring and to expect. At the end of this newsletter is information on our APT Raffle please send in your money as it is our last chance of fund raising for your reunion. The prize is fantastic a trip of a life time. Also there are fantastic discounts from APT.

### **Climate:**

During June, in our Dry Season the temperatures range from 30 to 32 down to 17 at night. You'll be able to pick the locals during your visit, they'll be the ones wearing jumpers and coats.

### **Dress:**

Dress at our reunion is "Smart Casual"

When outdoors during the day it is recommended that hats are worn, "Slip, Slop, Slap" For our Triennial Dinner it is "Darwin Rig", Ladies After Five, Men long trousers, long sleeved shirt, note: tie and jacket/ coat optional.

At our remembrance session at the Darwin Cenotaph medals are requested to be worn, replicas are most suitable and take up less space whilst traveling, (your choice).

Please remember that traveling throughout the NT South of Katherine the temperature can drop down to near zero at nights and highs of 35+ during the day.

### **Drinks**

At many of our functions it is expected that the odd convivial drink will be partaken, to ensure that we do not run out of your favourite beverage please advise by return email or phone call what your requirements are, if you don't contact us I imagine you'll drink anything.

### **Special Dietary Requirements:**

Please advise if you require special meals etc.

### **Itinerary**

Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	1630 hrs - 1830 hrs Registration and welcome Sky City Casino 1830 hrs – 2030 hrs Visit Mindil Beach markets adjacent to Casino for a taste of the Territory's best food. (Members expense) 2030 to late Fellowship Sky City Casino
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	0900 hrs - 1145 hrs Women Morning Tea and Tour 0930 hrs - 1200 hrs Members Triennial meeting 1200 hrs - 1400 hrs Luncheon (Members expense) 1400 hrs to 1630 hrs free time 1630 hrs - 2100 hrs Mystery Event
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	1000 hrs - 1130 hrs March at Darwin Cenotaph - wreath laying 1200 hrs - 1400 hrs Lunch (Members expense) 1400 hrs – 1900 hrs free time 1900 hrs – To late Triennial Dinner

## **The very last opportunity to be in the very last raffle**

The prize is an APT tour to one of the Northern Territory's world renowned destinations, see prize details on the next page – have good look!!

This is something very special. Think about who is buying these tickets – mainly those of us who are attending the reunion! So, how many tickets will be sold? The odds of winning are VERY high. There will only be one draw of one prize valued at almost \$1000. If you're the lucky one, you can take the trip before or after the reunion, while your in town.

**4 chances to win the trip of your life!**

**APT Tour Raffle – 4 Tickets for \$20.00**

**Increase your chance of winning – buy 8 tickets (or 12 or ....)**

To enable the winner to make plans in advance of arriving in Darwin the raffle will be drawn on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2007 and the winner will be advised by phone immediately after the draw.

If you want to be in the draw please send your money to Ryan now!

Please make cheque/ money orders payable to **17 Construction Wksp Association**

And send to    **The Treasurer,  
Ryan Critchlow,  
PO Box 2486,  
Orange, NSW. 2800.**

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**If paying by direct deposit or electronic transfer**

**Commonwealth Bank – 17 Construction Sqn. Workshops Association.  
BSP 066000      Account Number 10100303**

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**Also a reminder that we still have tickets available for our major raffle to be drawn at the  
Reunion Triennial Dinner.**

Contact Treasurer Ryan for Tickets

### **Prizes include**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

Landscape of Flinders Ranges, By Wayne "Setter" Richarson, New Berrimah NSW

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

Hand Crafted Throw Rug by Helen Ingrey

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

Painting - Spinnakers By Anna McKenzie

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Prize**

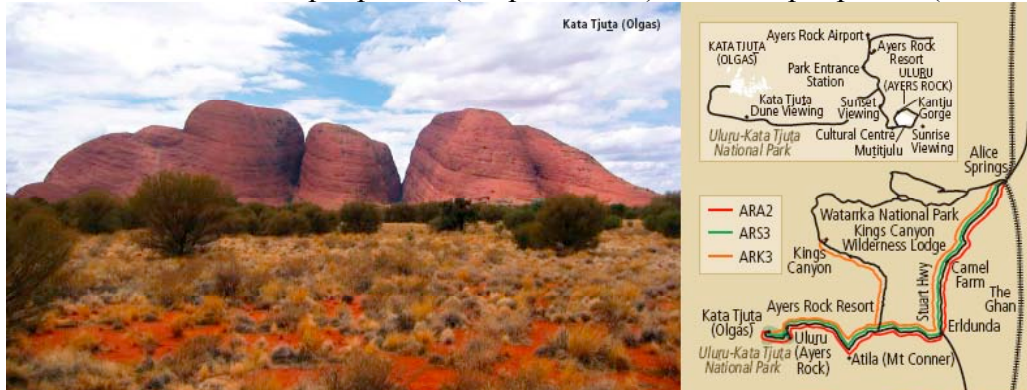
Sapphire Pendant Donated by A Lennox

## APT TOURS RAFFLE PRIZE

**Your choice of one of the following two tours, valued at almost \$1,000 each**

**3 Days Ayers Rock and Kings Canyon - Tour Code: ARK3**

Accom: Excl\*/Std. Price: \$995 per person (1 Apr - 30 Jun) or \$1020 per person (1 Jul - 30 Nov)



### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS \$25 Park Fee INCLUSIVE

(AS) Tour: ARK3		Departs: Daily	
Jul. '07-Nov. '07		Apr. '07-Jun. '07	
Twin Share		Single	
Budget		\$835	
Standard		\$1200	
Excl.*/Std.		\$1450	
First-Class		\$1240	
Excl.*/F-C		\$1490	
Deluxe		\$1390	
Excl.*/Dlx		\$1550	

Single must pay single price. Aust./NZ Pensioners deduct \$20.  
\*Kings Canyon Wilderness Lodge includes dinner & breakfast.

### 3 DAYS ROCK AND KINGS CANYON

MOST POPULAR  
★★★★★

Kings Canyon  
Wilderness Lodge

#### Day 1. Kata Tjuta (Olgas), Uluru (Ayers Rock).

Depart Alice Springs, visiting the Camel Farm before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort. Drive out to the domes of Kata Tjuta and walk through Walpa (Olga) Gorge. Later, travel to Uluru and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while watching the sunset. Tonight perhaps enjoy the Uluru Aussie Barbecue (additional \$115).  
Stay: Ayers Rock Resort, choice of hotel.

#### Day 2. Uluru Sunrise, Mutitjulu, Mala Walk, Guided Base Tour, Uluru Climb, Kings Canyon.

Watch the first light of the new day strike Uluru. Enjoy a guided walk to the waterhole of Mutitjulu. Then join the

guided Mala Walk. Alternatively forgo these walks to climb Uluru then visit the Cultural Centre. Later this afternoon travel to Watarrka National Park. Stay: EXCLUSIVE! Kings Canyon Wilderness Lodge (Exclusive DB, see page 13) or Kings Canyon Resort, choice of accommodation (room only).

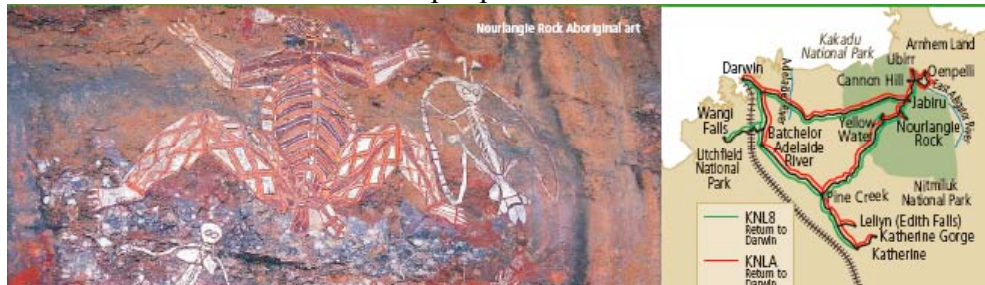
#### Day 3. Kings Canyon, Kings Creek Station.

Enjoy a guided walk around the rim of Kings Canyon and through the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. An easy walk along the canyon floor is also available. This afternoon stop at Kings Creek Station before arriving in Alice Springs at approximately 6.30 p.m.

OR

**4 Days Top End and Litchfield National Park -Tour Code: KNL8**

Accom: Standard -Price: \$985 per person



### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Join the Jumping Crocodile Cruise and spot saltwater crocodiles
- View ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and Nourlangie Rock art sites
- Swim at picturesque Leliyn (Edith Falls)
- Discover Litchfield National Park with its intriguing magnetic termite mounds
- Cruise Yellow Water billabong
- Explore World Heritage Kakadu National Park
- Swim at Wangi Falls, Litchfield National Park

Tour Code: KNL8 Departs: Tue., Fri., Sat. (May-Oct.)

Prices (AS)	Twin Share	Single Traveller
Budget	\$855	\$1050
Standard	\$985	\$1270
First-Class	\$1060	\$1400

Aust./NZ Pensioners deduct \$20.

L - Lunch.

Optional: Kakadu/Arnhem Land flight - 60-minute flight \$195, 30-minute flight \$120.

### 4 DAYS TOP END AND LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK



**Day 1. Jumping Crocodile Cruise, Kakadu, Ubirr Rock Art Site, Bowali Visitor Centre.** Depart Darwin and journey to the Adelaide River to join a Jumping Crocodile Cruise. Watch for wildlife and see the agility of saltwater crocodiles as they leap from the water. On entering Kakadu National Park we head to the ancient Aboriginal rock art sites at Ubirr to view the X-ray style paintings. There's time for a spectacular afternoon flight over the Arnhem Land Escarpment (own expense). Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre, learning more about Kakadu through the displays.  
Stay: Kakadu National Park, choice of hotel. (L)

**Day 2. Nourlangie Rock, Yellow Water, Katherine.** Discover the renowned Aboriginal art site at Nourlangie Rock and view the ancient works of art. Continue to the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre before joining a wildlife cruise on Kakadu's Yellow Water billabong. Leaving Kakadu, travel through Pine Creek to the town of Katherine, renowned for the nearby Nitmiluk National Park.  
Stay: Katherine, choice of accommodation. (L)

**Day 3. Katherine Gorge Cruise, Leliyn (Edith Falls).** Today enter Nitmiluk National Park. This spectacular park encompasses 13 gorges formed by the Katherine River cutting its way through the Arnhem Land plateau. Enjoy a cruise between the sheer sandstone walls. Your guide will detail the region's flora and fauna and explain the significance of the gorge for the Aboriginal people of this region. Call into Nitmiluk Visitor Centre before continuing on to beautiful Leliyn, where there is time to relax or swim. Journey to Adelaide River and view the World War Two cemetery.  
Stay: Darwin, choice of hotel.

**Day 4. Litchfield National Park, Tolmer Falls.** Enter Litchfield National Park and see the picturesque double waterfall that forms Florence Falls, surrounded by rainforest. Continue to Tolmer Falls, noted as one of the most spectacular in the park. Take a refreshing swim in the rock pool at Wangi Falls or take a nature walk. Return to Darwin, arriving at approximately 6.00 p.m. (L)

Note: Order of touring may vary. Tuesday & Friday departures visit Litchfield National Park on Day 1. Swimming is subject to permitting conditions.

## **APT TOURS 20% DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS**

Australian Pacific Touring (APT) is offering a 20% discount to all our members on all APT Short Break Tours. This is an opportunity for members to experience the best of the Northern Territory before, or after our reunion functions at a heavily discounted price.

Below is an extract from their letter offering members the discounted tours. Please contact them directly and quote "17 Construction Squadron Darwin Reunion – 20% Discount NTSB excluding Rail & Air".

### **Extract**

APT would be delighted to offer your Darwin Reunion Group 20% discount on any of our Northern Territory Short Breaks including the Bungle Bungle and the Kimberley Tours, excluding rail, air and optionals. This would enable the delegates to do Pre and/or Post touring with APT in the Top End, Red Centre and/or the Kimberley. This offer is valid for travel from 1 May 2007 to 31 July 2007, bookings must be made directly with APT.

Our current Northern Territory Short Breaks including the Bungle Bungle and the Kimberley brochure is valid until 31 March 2007. New fares have been set however a new brochure won't be printed until early 2007. We would be happy to send our current brochure to delegates who are interested in Pre & Post touring as the itineraries won't change, it's only the fare that will.

Attached are our contact details that delegates will need to make a booking. They must quote the General Promotion otherwise the discount will not be applied.



<b>Reservations Freecall:</b>	<b>1800 891 121</b>
<b>Fax:</b>	<b>03 9277 8477</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:nt@aptouring.com.au">nt@aptouring.com.au</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.aptouring.com.au">www.aptouring.com.au</a>
<b>General Promotion:</b>	<b>17 Construction Squadron Darwin Reunion – 20% Discount NTSB excluding Rail &amp; Air</b>
<b>Valid for Travel:</b>	<b>1 May 2007 to 31 July 2007</b>