



17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association



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What The Prez Sez

Welcome to this my first President's report. First up, I would like to thank the outgoing President Keith Lawry for the fine, friendly and well organised Clare Valley reunion last September. Continuing with tradition, this was another great reunion that showed the strength of our association. There is a detailed Reunion Report later in this Newsletter so I won't dwell too much on what happened in Clare. But thank you to the outgoing committee for another excellent reunion.

One of my first tasks as President, was to have Snow (Our Secretary/Treasurer) collect all of our financial details and have them informally audited by the Bendigo RSL's Finance Manager. I used this resource because I have access to this service in my roll with the Bendigo RSL, the person concerned is quite pedantic and very professional in her approach. I am very pleased to report that on all accounts, the finances associated with the reunion are a true and accurate record. I would

like to congratulate the Treasurer on a job well done.

We have made a decision to have all future financial reports independently checked and approved prior to them being released to the members. A full balance sheet will then be presented to the members via the newsletter.

A balance sheet for the last two years is reported in this newsletter for your perusal.

Now for my objectives and goals for my reign as your President.

My first objective is to keep up the high standards set by the hard working past Presidents of this association. We do have a very strong association, the envy of a lot of other unit associations. All of our previous Presidents and their respective committees have performed admirably and built this association into something that we can all be proud of as members. We need to keep this going and build on our strengths.

I would like to keep up the tradition of having a great reunion with a lot of fun and comradeship. Organised functions in a relaxed environment with a one-off formal function as our show piece.

To fulfil the members wishes from our meeting in Clare, it has been decided to hold the Bendigo reunion throughout the week rather than a week-end.

Upon confirmation by the organising committee, the reunion is being targeted to take place in Bendigo ***commencing on Monday 19th October and be completed on Friday 23rd October 2015.*** It is planned to have Wednesday scheduled as a free day.

I have a number of members who have volunteered to be part of the Bendigo reunion organising team. These members were recruited to firstly - get more opinions on our events planning and secondly, to take on some of the workload. The planning process

for the Bendigo reunion will be a team effort. My team is made up of the following members:

Snow Whykes (Secretary/Treasurer)

Peter Bevilacqua

John Farmelo

Les Hall

Graeme Richter

I welcome them aboard and take this opportunity to thank them for their offers of assistance.

As we progress towards our reunion, you will be continually notified of what is happening via our newsletter.

In closing my report, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See you in Bendigo in October 2015.

Cliff Richards - President

The Clare Reunion

It would be fair to say that the reunion began with a bang when our bus and a car collided as the bus turned into our breakfast venue, the Taminga Hotel - But from there on it was all good. Our breakfast venue was very pleasant although a little cramped, considering the late change of venue, the atmosphere was exceptional as the reunion kicked off on the Friday morning.

The Taminga Hotel staff did a great job and a very enjoyable breakfast was served to the members.



From left to right:

***Stewart Brett, John Lynch and Paul Jenkinson
catching up before breakfast was served at the
Taminga Hotel on Day one of the reunion***

Friday evening we had our Bar B Q at the Clare Showgrounds. The venue was a show ground shed with an ambience that reflected the true country atmosphere of South Australia. A wonderful meal was prepared and cooked for us by the Clare APEX Club and enjoyed by all attending. By now the members were really starting to settle down to some serious comradeship.

The bar service was also run by APEX and serviced our needs with distinction. The boys from APEX had a big hand in making this a very successful function.



Tom Hurford and Jo Fleiner enjoying the Friday Night BAR B Q at the Clare Showgrounds

Right: Peter and Tonya Bevilacqua at the Friday night Bar B Q.





Left to right: Dave Chalk, Bob Cook, Ryan Critchlow and John Farmelo share a moment together.



Left: Peter Ingrey and Eric Campbell in deep and meaningful conversation.

Saturday, day two of the reunion kicked off with the ladies tour of Mintaro while the men had their meeting at the Clare Country Club. The ladies tour included Martindale Hall where part of the movie "Picnic at Hanging Rock" was filmed. Mintaro is a very old and well preserved pioneer township in the Clare Valley. The ladies later joined the men for a pleasant luncheon at the Clare Country Club after the men's meeting.



The Ladies outside Martindale Hall on their Saturday tour of Mintaro



Left: President Keith Lawry and Sec/Treas Snowy Whykes at the Saturday men's meeting.



Right: President Elect Cliff Richards accepts his nomination as incoming President.



Above: Members attend the Saturday meeting at the Clare Country Club

Saturday evening was the highlight of the Clare reunion with a formal dinner at the Clare Golf Club. The members were entertained by the local band Quick Fix.



Above: Margaret and Bob Martin celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.



Above: Alan (Derro) and Joan Lennox.



Above: First time attendees Barbara and Alan Thornton.



Above: President Keith Lawry presents Patron George Jones with his Outstanding Awards gifts.



Above: Jan and Rick Bowley



Above: Roger and Anne Herrod



Above: Kevin and Cheryl Pearce



Above: Brian and Lynda Pope



Above: Gerald and Dawn Detmar



Below: Steve and Tuyet Lowe



Above: Bruce and Julie Nunn



Above: Jack Reeves and Elizabeth Rowlands



Above: Jeff and Helen Blythman



Above: Regina Holl and Stewart Brett



Above: Mike and Marg Culley



Above: Rod and Rosemary Brown

The Clare reunion wound up on Sunday with a bus tour of the Clare Valley and a Bar B Q dinner at the caravan park on Sunday evening. All in all, the reunion was an outstanding success with a number of members attending for the first time. BENDIGO awaits. Stay tuned for further information.

VALE - Dorothy Garlin

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Dorothy Garlin. Dorothy was our foundation member, Dan Garlin's lifetime partner and soul-mate. Dorothy had been ill for some time and true to form "hung in there" until the very end.

Dorothy will be sadly missed by our members as she was Dan's stalwart supporter and was with Dan all the way when he founded this association.

To Dan and his family, we offer you our deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace.

Lest We Forget

Financial Statement

At the completion of the Clare reunion, a group of members requested a complete copy of the Association financials. A decision was made by the incoming and outgoing Presidents and the Secretary/Treasurer, that our financials should be checked and approved as an accurate financial statement before being released to the members. The financials have now been checked and given the stamp of approval. The last page of this newsletter is a copy of the Financial Summary for the period 5 May 2011 to 1 Dec 2013.

Thank You To Our Sponsors

If you look closely at the attached Financial Report, you will notice that there is an amount of \$9,362.90 that is attributed to Sponsorship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our sponsors for the Clare Valley reunion.

George Jones

Koolunga Garage (The Lawry Family)

Mr Guy Capolingua

Nunzio Veluri Mechanical Repairs

If we continue to seek support from companies and organisations that are prepared to support us in any way, we can keep our registration costs down. Already we have two potential sponsors for our Bendigo reunion, both of these are significant in what is offered to us. At this point in time I cannot give details as the deal has not yet been finalised. But keep watching this space, as you will be informed when it happens.

Please keep an eye out for anyone who is prepared to assist. You can pass the details on to the Secretary/Treasurer or President.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

OPENING BALANCE: (Bank Balance as at 5 May 2011)

\$ 12,556.22

DEBITS:

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| Publish Print & Post Newsletters | \$ 2,339.78 |
| Saturday Lunch & Meeting Room Hire | \$ 2,697.50 |
| Reunion Dinner | \$ 6,959.00 |
| Stubby Holders | \$ 321.18 |
| Handout Note Pads | \$ 445.50 |
| Reunion Caps | \$ 790.38 |
| Polo Shirts | \$ 1,239.31 |
| Sunday Bar B Q | \$ 292.00 |
| Reunion Wine | \$ 960.00 |
| Friday Bar B Q | \$ 4,411.00 |
| Bus Tours and Transfers | \$ 15,355.00 |
| Friday Breakfast | \$ 2,380.00 |
| Newspaper Obituaries | \$ 302.19 |
| Bank Charges | \$ 2.50 |
| Reunion Support - Bill Wadsworth | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Registration Overpayment | \$ 192.00 |
| Member Refund For Non Attend | \$ 395.00 |

TOTAL DEBITS:

\$40,132.34

CREDITS:

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| Reunion Registration | \$ 21,384.00 |
| Registration from 2011 Reunion | \$ 210.00 |
| Sponsorship | \$ 9,362.90 |
| Sale Of Goods (Wine, Polo Shirts etc) | \$ 1,846.00 |
| Reunion Support - Bill Wadsworth | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Clare Country Club | \$ 75.00 |
| Overpayment Refund - Apex | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Registration Overpayment Refund | \$ 192.00 |

TOTAL CREDITS:

\$35,119.90

CLOSING BALANCE:

\$ 7,543.78

BANK BALANCE AS AT 1 DEC 2013

\$7,543.78

Date: 1 Dec 2013