

17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association



NEWSLETTER - February Edition 2010

What The Prez Sez

Firstly, whilst they expected no accolades for the job they did in organising the Alice Springs Reunion,

I would like to again thank Garry (Snow) Whykes & his Committee for the great job they did & of equal importance the perseverance of their good ladies. Thank you on behalf of all who enjoyed the events & fellowship in the "Alice"

About the next reunion – The greatest difficulty for the current Committee is that the various Cruise Companies are slow to publish their 2011 cruise schedule & pricing. Our Travel Agent, Dale Harris is a Free Lance Travel Consultant linked to Harvey World Travel & when she was with Ansett was the winner year after year as Australia's top Travel Consultant. Dale has been working tirelessly to get dates & prices from the Cruise Companies.

The two main questions that you the Members need to answer are:

- Cruise duration
- Australian coastal cruise or overseas cruise

To allow planning to proceed I would ask all members to respond promptly to these two survey questions through our hard working Webmaster, Alan Pratt. The results of the survey will show the direction your Committee will then take.

In reaching your decision the following should be considered:

- The off season (cheaper pricing) for cruises is in keeping with our normal reunion timing of Autumn. So plan on approximately May 2011.
- Overall price to you (prices include all meals & entertainment; you pay only for beverages & casino.)
- Type of cabin, shared or not, inboard or balcony cabin (this affects pricing)
- Depending upon numbers we may be able to gain discount concessions from the Cruise Lines

- Overseas travel requires a current passport, local travel requires a valid form of identification e.g. Drivers Licence.

- Whether you want to enjoy the onboard entertainment, facilities & reunion or tours ashore including shopping (tours often are an extra cost.)

The additional cost of getting to a single Australian port if the cruise is to be coastal or flying from all capital cities to an overseas destination to start the cruise. Through our Travel Agent we will endeavour to coordinate discounted air travel to our starting port.

Some cruise options are included in this Newsletter to give you an idea of the pricing, the duration & type of cruises available. I emphasise the pricing is indicative based on 2009/2010 prices.

John Fenton
PRESIDENT

Vale Merv Flanders

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing of our esteemed inaugural President and OC of 17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam, Merv (Mol) Flanders. Merv passed away on Christmas day 2009 after a long illness. We were fortunate to have Merv attend our last reunion in Alice Springs and many members spent some time chatting with Merv and Dawn. Merv's son-in-law Mark, said that they could not get his reunion cap off his head after he returned from the Alice, Mark also stated that Merv's cap was placed in his coffin.

Farewell Merv - Lest We forget

Vale Keith Jones

Another of our members, Keith Jones, has passed away after suffering from cancer. Keith served in Vietnam from February 1969 to February 1970. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Another mate gone - Lest We Forget

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Invalid email Address

We have removed the following members email addresses from our database as they have been returning as invalid, if your name is here (or someone you know) and have a current email address could you please send it to info@17construction.org.au for inclusion. It makes communications much faster, easier and cheaper via email.

Allan LENNOX, Gerardus SCHOORL, Glenn SMITH, Henry KOLEK, John DONOVAN, John TAYLOR, Roger HERROD, Grant YOUNG, Colin MARTIN, Kevin STUART, Graham STEELE, Norm RIDGWAY, Stanley O'DWYER, Donato FRAGNITO, Phillip MANNING, Eric WILLIAMS, Raymond JOHNSON, Terence THOMAS,

2011 Cruise Options

As the members decided at the Alice Springs reunion, a cruise was the preferred option for the 2011 reunion.

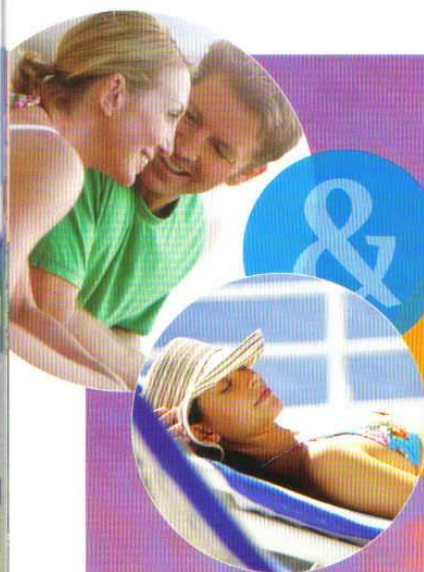
The following few pages are flyers with various cruise options. It is the intention of the committee to seek the opinions of members so that we can settle on a particular cruise and then we can make the confirmation arrangements with the Travel Agent.

Please look carefully at these documents and you will note the variations in destinations,

activities and cabin types.

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire. We ask that you fill in the details and send it back to the address provided. The committee can then begin to make some decisions as to the nature and destination of the cruise.

Alternately, there will be a survey on the web site. Please do not duplicate the questionnaire and the survey.



2 Night Short Breaks

Why not take
a short break
off shore
this year?

Want to make a short break feel like a long relaxing break? Here's the perfect solution. You can cruise from **Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide, Fremantle or Auckland** on one of our great **Short Break or Themed cruises**.

From the moment you step on board you can begin to relax. Leave the hassle of driving behind. There's no need to make multi reservations. Everything on board is ready and waiting for you.

If your idea of a short break is to spend time at a spa, there's an amazing array of soothing therapies on offer. You can keep up your fitness regime at the Fitness Centre or just relax by one of the inviting pools. The restaurants serve a sumptuous array of cuisines and the entertainment is spectacular! What's more, the kids and teens can escape to one of our fun-filled Children's Centres.

FROM	TO	DATE	CRUISE	SHIP	4 BERTH PP FROM*	TWIN PP FROM*
2 NIGHTS						
Brisbane	Sydney	5 Dec 09	N939N	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
	Sydney	13 Jul 10	N021P	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
Sydney	Melbourne	7 Dec 09	N940N	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
	Brisbane	17 Dec 09	W935N	Pacific Dawn	\$329	\$479
	Newcastle	6 Sep 10	N028	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
	Newcastle	4 Feb 11	N105N	Pacific Sun	\$319	\$459
Melbourne	Adelaide	9 Dec 09	N941	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
	Sydney	4 Mar 10	N008N	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
Newcastle	Sydney	28 Oct 10	N034	Pacific Sun	\$299	\$429
	Brisbane	25 Mar 11	N111	Pacific Sun	\$319	\$459



What's your perfect short break? Choose from the superb themed range or just relax and enjoy!

3 Night Themed Cruises & Short Breaks

Comedy

Our new Comedy cruises will keep you laughing as we feature some of Australia's most popular comedy performers. The 'Comedy Wave' Gala Event features a first class line-up of comedians. For those who like a late night laugh, you can also enjoy our regular adults-only Sit Down Comedy Club. During the day comedy 'street' performers will put a smile on your face as you relax on a deck chair. For the budding comedians there will also be daytime comedy workshops.

Lifestyle

'It's all about Lifestyle' new themed cruises. Enjoy a wide variety of presentations, workshops, activities and events designed especially to enhance your own lifestyle, whilst on holiday! Take part in a wide range of topics including health and wellbeing, makeovers and self development, cooking classes, wine and coffee appreciation seminars, dance lessons from industry professionals, interior design and decoration or financial planning.

Food & Wine

These gourmet mini-cruises offer unforgettable experiences including a seven-course degustation dinner prepared by a leading chef. Guests can take part in wine and beer tastings, barista classes and more.

FROM	DATE	CRUISE	THEME	SHIP	4 BERTH PP FROM*	TWIN PP FROM*
3 NIGHTS						
Sydney to Sydney	29 Jan 10	J004N	Food & Wine Celebrity Chef Luke Mangan*	Pacific Jewel	\$499	\$699
	7 May 10	J015	Short Break	Pacific Jewel	\$599	\$699
	15 Jul 10	J022	Comedy	Pacific Jewel	\$599	\$699
	26 Nov 10	N038N	Comedy	Pacific Sun	\$429	\$699
	9 Dec 10	N040N	Food & Wine	Pacific Sun	\$429	\$699
	3 Feb 11	P106	Comedy	Pacific Pearl	\$499	\$699
	11 Feb 11	J105	Lifestyle	Pacific Jewel	\$499	\$699
	29 Apr 11	J113	Food & Wine	Pacific Jewel	\$499	\$699
Fremantle to Fremantle	16 Dec 09	N943	Short Break	Pacific Sun	\$519	\$659
	20 Jan 10	N003N	Short Break	Pacific Sun	\$519	\$659
Brisbane to Brisbane	10 Feb 10	W006N	Comedy	Pacific Dawn	\$499	\$699
	12 May 10	W017N	Food & Wine	Pacific Dawn	\$499	\$699
	4 Aug 10	W027	Short Break	Pacific Dawn	\$499	\$699
	1 Jun 11	W118	Food & Wine	Pacific Dawn	\$499	\$729
Auckland to Auckland	27 Jan 11	P104	Food & Wine	Pacific Pearl	\$499	\$699
	12 May 11	P117	Food & Wine	Pacific Pearl	\$499	\$699
Adelaide, Burnie, Melbourne	1 Mar 10	N007N	Short Break	Pacific Sun	\$429	\$629

*The appearance of celebrity chef Luke Mangan cannot be guaranteed.

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7 NIGHT CRUISES Departing Singapore on Sundays

Singapore, Penang, Phuket,
Malacca, Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang),
Pulau Redang
Selected departures from
4 April - 19 Sept 2010

Singapore, Phuket, Langkawi, Pulau
Redang & Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang)
Selected departures from
11 April - 26 Sept 2010

Inside Cabin \$1237* per person
Window Cabin \$1527* per person
Balcony Cabin \$2037* per person

7 NIGHT SPECIAL CRUISES Departing Singapore on Sundays

Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Pulau
Redang, Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang)
Departing 6 & 20 June 2010

Singapore, Bangkok, Koh Samui, Pulau
Redang
Departing 30 May & 13 June 2010

Inside Cabin \$1917* per person
Window Cabin \$1632* per person
Balcony Cabin \$2192* per person

5 NIGHT CRUISES Departing Singapore on Sundays

Singapore, Penang, Phuket, Malacca,
Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang)
Selected departures
from 4 April 2010 - 27 March 2011

Singapore, Phuket, Langkawi,
Pulau Redang
Selected departures from
11 April - 26 Sept 2010

Inside Cabin \$890* per person
Window Cabin \$1125* per person
Balcony Cabin \$1475* per person

5 NIGHT SPECIAL CRUISES Departing Singapore on Sundays

Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City,
Pulau Redang
Departing 6 & 20 June 2010

Singapore, Bangkok, Koh Samui
Departing 30 May & 13 June 2010

Inside Cabin \$945* per person
Window Cabin \$1190* per person
Balcony Cabin \$1530* per person

3 NIGHT CRUISES Departing Singapore on Sundays

Singapore, Penang, Phuket
Selected departures
from 4 April 2010 - 27 March 2011

Singapore, Phuket, Langkawi
Selected departures
from 11 April - 26 Sept 2010

Inside Cabin \$563* per person
Window Cabin \$698* per person
Balcony Cabin \$918* per person

2 NIGHT CRUISES Departing Singapore on Wednesdays

Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur
(Port Klang)
Selected departures
from 7 April - 22 Sept 2010

Singapore, Pulau Redang
Selected departures
from 14 April - 30 March 2011

Inside Cabin \$372* per person
Window Cabin \$462* per person
Balcony Cabin \$607* per person

Cruises include all meals and entertainment onboard plus port and fuel charges.



*TAXES ARE APPLIED to prices on cruise only. A.S. per person includes all taxes and is subject to change and availability. Prices based on following cabin categories: Inside Cabin (IC), Window Cabin (WC), Balcony Cabin (BC). Price includes port charges and fuel in charge. Holiday packages included on Penang & Langkawi - 4 April, 24-26 Oct 2010. Weekend & holiday packages applicable to the Star Line's package at \$20 per person. Meals included in selected restaurants. Drink packages & fees apply. Please contact a package may be imposed on all 3 cruises. A seat fee will be charged. ©2010 Star Cruises

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7 NIGHT CRUISES *Nov & Dec 2009 Departures*
From Singapore – visiting Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Phuket & Penang
From Singapore – visiting Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Phuket & Langkawi

from **\$698*** pp



3 NIGHT CRUISES *Jan & Feb 2010 Departures*
From Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) – visiting Phuket & Penang

from **\$523*** pp



4 NIGHT CRUISES *Mar 2010 Departures*
From Singapore – visiting Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) & Phuket
From Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) – visiting Phuket & Singapore
From Phuket – visiting Singapore & Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang)

from **\$399*** pp

Cruises include all meals* and entertainment onboard plus port and fuel charges.



*Conditions & essential surcharges apply. Prices are AUD per person twin share. Departure dates: 7 NIGHT CRUISE (via Penang) to Singapore (Sunday) 7 & 21 Nov, 5 & 19 Dec 09; to Kuala Lumpur (Sunday) 8 & 22 Nov, 5 & 20 Dec 09; 7 NIGHT CRUISE (via Langkawi) to Singapore (Sunday) 14 & 28 Nov, 12 & 26 Dec 09; to Kuala Lumpur (Sunday) 15 & 29 Nov and 12 Dec 09; 3 NIGHT CRUISE 24 & 31 Jan, 7 & 21 Feb 10; 4 NIGHT CRUISE to Singapore 1, 5 & 10, 17, 21, 28 & 29 Mar 10; to Port Klang 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22 & 23 Mar 10; to Phuket 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23 & 27 Mar 10. Direct cancellation fees apply. Price based cabin as Inside Oceanview Cabin 99. All meals included in selected restaurants, specialty restaurants incur a surcharge. Prices are cruise only and do not include airfares and transfers. Prices & itineraries are correct at time of issue and subject to availability and change at time of booking. Prices may fluctuate due to changes in charges, taxes and currency. Please note a surcharge may be imposed on credit card transactions. A service fee will be charged. 020 22202


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Name: _____

I will/will not be attending the 2011 reunion.

My choice would be: **Australian Coastal Cruise** ☐

Overseas Cruise ☐

Short Cruise (2-3 days) ☐

Longer Cruise (7 days) ☐

Comments: _____

Please return this questionnaire to:

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