



NEWSLETTER - February 2018

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Amazing ALBANY



What The Prez Sez

WHAT THE OUTGOING PREZ SEZ

Congratulations to the incoming President George Jones and also the Secretary/Treasurer Garry (Snow) Whykes.

Thank you to the outgoing committee who worked so hard to make our last reunion a success on the Sunshine Coast last year.

These reunions take a lot of work to put together but the effort is worth it in the long run.

The committee has left the finances in a healthy position for the start of the next reunion.

Also thank you to all the members who supported the reunion and made it a success. Without you these reunions would be a non event.

It means so much to our members to renew our friendship every couple of years and I think as time goes by we are starting to realize the coming years are precious to us all.

Personally I am looking forward to the next reunion in Albany. W.A. so I am hoping to see you all again there.

Tres Adams

Now unemployed

FROM THE NEW PREZ

Firstly - Congratulations to Tres and the hard working committee from the Sunshine Coast. It is not an easy task preparing a reunion, but the Queenslanders lived up to their reputation and provided us with another very good reunion. Well done to all involved.

Now on to Albany - At our meeting, the newly elected committee committed to keeping up the standard to produce a memorable reunion in Albany, WA. Already we have set the wheels in motion and commenced the organizing for 2019. Our goal is to make the Albany reunion one to remember.

Albany is a wonderful place and has a lot to offer people visiting the region. As we progress, we will keep you informed of our agenda and what is happening via our Newsletter.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone once again - bring on 2019.

George Jones

The Sunshine Coast

Another great reunion for the Association. Although keeping all members in the one accommodation area was impossible, the committee managed to get a worthwhile reunion up and running. Unfortunately, the Sunshine Coast is very much a tourist paradise all year round, making it difficult to be accommodated together, but they managed very well with what they had to work with.

After the usual *Meet And Greet* the members had a great time catching up. Although it is two years since the Bendigo reunion, time does pass very quickly and old acquaintances were easily rekindled.

The reunion was well spread out with a day trip to *Australia Zoo*, a fantastic dinner at the RSL, a parade and service in Maroochydore and wrapped up with a breakfast in the caravan park on Friday morning. All in all, it was another well received reunion. Thanks guys.



Ian Betteridge registering for the reunion -



Stewart Brett, John Fenton and Snowy Whykes - catching up.



“Derro” Lennox, “Ruffy” Fleiner, Bob Callinan and ex President Cliff Richards enjoying a laugh.



Table set up for the dinner.



Winners are grinners - Robyn Jenkinson presents the raffle prize to Anne Herrod.



Reunion photo - after the parade and service in Maroochydore.

Asbestos and Hazardous Chemicals Exposure

The Defence Asbestos and Hazardous Chemicals Exposure Scheme (DAHCES) replaces the Defence Asbestos Exposure Evaluation Scheme (DAEES).

If you have been exposed to Aqueous Film Forming Foams, Asbestos, Beryllium, Cadmium, Diesel Exhaust, Inorganic Chromium or Chromate, Range Fuel or Tritium, I strongly recommend you register with Department of Defence.

Go to our Website to find out how to register or follow the link below. Once given a registration number you can complete a form to send to a health provider to make an appointment for an assessment.

RAEME personnel will have been exposed to Range Fuel (a petroleum product mainly used for cleaning components) & Diesel Exhaust but depending on your Service you may have been exposed to other Hazardous Chemicals.

As a Senior Advocate & Mentor for NSW/ACT/WA with DVAs Regional Management Group, I will be happy to speak to anyone who has concerns during the upcoming reunion. Remember the registration is with Defence not DVA.

Regards ,John Fenton JP, ATDP2 Advocate

<http://www.defence.gov.au/whs/programs/asbestos-exposure-evaluation-scheme.asp>

Missing Members

Email Returned:

John STEGGLES	Chris O'BRIEN	Robert BRADLEY
Michael SHEAHAN	Gerald DETMAR	Len COOPER
John BOLAND	Barry RIDLEY	Peter HORNE
Roger RATHJEN	Wally KORDUPEL	

Unable to Locate:

John DANN	Ken GREGORY	Ralph MOORE
Terry MURRAY	Ken RILEY	Bill SANDS
Wally MEILAK		

If you know the whereabouts of any of these members please let them know we would like to communicate with them, they can get in touch with us - Our details are on the front page.

The Albany Reunion

Although some people suggested that the reunion should be shortened to three days, the organizing committee decided that a five day event was appropriate for the 2019 reunion. All things considered, the decision was made for the following reasons. First up there was a significant number of people who specifically asked for the length to remain at five days. Secondly, the general consensus was that because people are travelling such a long way for the reunion, three days was just not enough. Third, if members want to stay for only three days, that is their choice - members can stay as long as they wish, there is no obligation to stay the full five days. And last but not least, the promise we made to have an eventful reunion, will take in five days of activities without it being rushed.

The reunion dates proposed are:

MONDAY 14th October 2019 - FRIDAY 18th October 2019

This date range was specifically chosen for the following reasons.

1. After all football finals have been completed
2. Outside of school holidays
3. The weather is warming up
4. The wildflowers in the southern region of WA are in full bloom
5. Not too close to Vietnam Day and a long way from ANZAC Day

THE AGENDA (Although nowhere near finalized) Will look something like this:

Monday 14th October

Afternoon/Evening - Welcome and comradeship

Tuesday 15th October

Parade and Service followed by lunch and visit to the National ANZAC Centre
Free Evening

Wednesday 16th October

Meeting
Ladies Tour
Light Lunch
B B Q Dinner

Thursday 17th October

Tour
Semi Formal Dinner

Friday 18th October

Wind up and Farewell

ALBANY WA

Western Australia is the largest state of all Australian states and territories and as such has many exciting places to see and activities in which to participate. In this issue, we will highlight the WA wildflowers. If you intend travelling via the north of the state, you can follow the wildflowers down to the south. The wildflowers first appear in the northern sector. By the time you reach the southern part of the state (Albany Region) they will be in full bloom.

Further issues of the newsletter will highlight other great activities within WA.

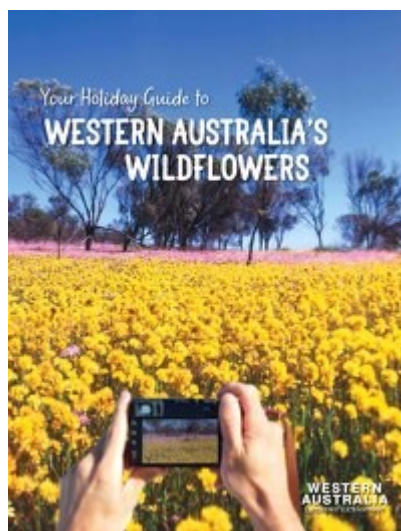
Western Australia's Wildflowers

THE LARGEST FLORAL SHOW ON EARTH

The wildflower collection in Western Australia is the largest on Earth. With more than 12,000 species, over 60% of which are found nowhere else on Earth, they colour the landscapes from coast to forest and city to outback.

The six-month flowering season begins in the north in June and July on the vast outback plains of the [Pilbara](#), [Goldfields](#) and [Coral Coast](#) where vibrant blooms contrast with pindan earth, rugged canyons and turquoise sea.

By September, it has moved south and reached [Perth](#)'s botanical gardens, nature reserves and national parks, finishing with a flurry in October and November throughout the forests and coastal heaths of the [South West](#). You can take in the spectacles of each region and season on the many wildflower scenic drives and walking trails.



Click on the link below for the wildflower website

https://www.westernaustralia.com/en/things_to_do/Forest_and_Flowers/pages/wawildflowers.aspx?lang=us#/

Attendance - Expression of Interest

If you are interested in attending the Albany reunion, please click on the link below and fill out the on-line form or fill out the hard copy below and return it to the **Secretary/ Treasurer 33 Kanimbla Way, Morley, WA 6062**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeubs_WNay5uUlHkE-WxSYbip17l_EAwO_X1ZB_VoALARHtqg/viewform?usp=sf_link

17 Construction Squadron Workshop Vietnam Association ALBANY WA Reunion

Expression of Interest

Email address:_____

SURNAME :_____

Given Name (Or Nickname):_____

Are You Planning To Attend The ALBANY WA Reunion ??

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Yes

☐

Maybe

How many Reunion days will you be attending ??

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ALL

☐

One

☐

Two

☐

Three

☐

Four

What Type Of Accommodation Do You Require??

☐

Powered Site

☐

Self Contained Cabin

☐

None

How Many People Will Be Attending (Incl you):_____