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Amazing ALBANY

I am in the Albany Convict Gaol.



The secret is out Albany in Western Australia has come a long way in 188 years, from convicts to car race's in York Street, plus the **Mediterranean** climate that's the envy of Australia and the World.

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WHAT THE PREZ SEZ

Now that the final touches have been added to the reunion, it's time to prepare for what is ahead of us during the period 14th - 18th October. Although the agenda shows a fairly full list, you will notice that there is some free time. Thursday the 17th is the longest day with the visit to the National ANZAC Centre and our dinner.

The setting of the agenda was a very important part of our organizing as we did not want to overload the week, but at the same time, we wanted to include some of the magnificent tourist features of Albany.

As you are no doubt aware, the City of Albany has gone all-out for our Wednesday parade and service. Firstly, the "Freedom of Entry" is an absolute privilege that is not afforded to everyone. We are only the fifth organization to be granted this honor by the City of Albany and it is one that we accept with pride. I would like to thank those people who have been significant in making this happen. We, as a body of Vietnam veterans and partners, really do appreciate what has been granted to us.

The Thursday dinner now becomes a little more significant as we will have the Mayor of Albany, Mr Dennis Wellington and the State President of the RSL WA, Mr Peter Aspinall and their respective partners in attendance. I therefore ask that members attending the dinner dress appropriately. I am aware that members in general requested that our future dinners be classified as semi-formal, however, this is a special occasion and it would be greatly appreciated if the men wore a jacket and tie. Please - no jeans or casual wear.

A lot of time and effort has gone into the successful organization for this reunion. Please enjoy.

George

WHERE TO NEXT

It is now time to give thought to the location of our next reunion. A couple of suggestions have already been made. First up - the North Eastern Victoria is an amazing place. The area around Bright/Myrtleford with a trip to Albury/Wodonga or the other way around would be very pleasant. The second suggestion is Victor Harbor in South Australia. Both of these locations offer great facilities and activities. Please have a think about where you would like to go next and bring your suggestions along to the meeting.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR REGISTRATION

To date, of the 130 members who have registered to attend the reunion, I have received payment from 112. If you have not already paid your registration fee, please do so ASAP. The registration fee is \$175.00 per head.

Bank Details:

BSB: 066 000

Account Number: 10100303

Please pay directly into our bank account. Put your name and "Reg Fee" in the comments field.

Thank you in anticipation.

Snow

Vale - Roger Dive

We have received the sad news of the passing of our mate, Roger Dive. Roger was a National Serviceman who served with the unit in South Vietnam from 15th March 1968 to the 19th March 1969. Roger passed away in February of this year.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Roger.

Lest We Forget



A LITTLE KNOWN CASUALTY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Warnes, Catherine Anne (1949 - 1969)

WARNES, CATHERINE ANNE (1949 - 1969), entertainer, was born on 7 December 1949 at Arncliffe, Sydney, second of three children of George Alfred Warnes, an English-born motor mechanic, and his wife Nancy Warnes, née Buck, from Sydney. Cathy attended Athelstane Public and Arncliffe Girls' High Schools. She showed an early interest in the performing arts and, while in primary school, began taking singing and dancing lessons.

By the age of 12 Warnes was appearing on stage in local community and school concerts. Spotted by a talent scout, she was offered a permanent spot, dancing on television station TCN-9's programme 'Opportunity Knocks'. At 16 she won second prize singing in the Starlight talent quest. This competition was conducted by another popular Chanel 9 show 'Bandstand', on which she became a regular performer. She began entertaining in clubs, even though she was under the legal age to enter these premises, and recorded advertising jingles for radio and television. Later she joined the 'pop' singer 'Col Joye' on several concert tours around Australia. Warnes used the stage name 'Cathy Wayne'.

In the first half of 1967 she travelled with other entertainers to the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) on a wartime concert tour sponsored by the Australian Forces Advisory Committee on Entertainment. Because she was not yet 18, it had been necessary for Bruce Webber, the organizer of the tour, to obtain the approval of her parents for her to take part. He recalled that she had '*leapt at the chance*' to go to South Vietnam. Members of A.F.A.C.E. concert parties were not paid for their services but were given a daily living allowance and a security guarantee.

In mid-1969 Warnes returned to South Vietnam as the lead singer in an Australian pop group, 'Sweethearts on Parade'. The tour was privately arranged by Ingrid Hart, a promoter and performer, and was not under the auspices of the Australian government. On 20 July that year at Da Nang, Warnes was on stage in a club for non-commissioned officers of the United States Marine Corps when a bullet, fired from outside the club, passed through the insect-screen of an open window and hit her in the chest, killing her. Her body was returned to Australia and cremated with Anglican rites.

Sergeant J. W. Killen, US Marines, was convicted of the unpremeditated murder of Warnes, allegedly while attempting to shoot his Commanding Officer, Major R. E. Simons, who had been in the audience. Nancy Warnes was reported as saying that she and her husband had not been in favour of their daughter's second trip to Vietnam but that 'she wanted to go - Cathy had a will of her own'. Her father told journalists that she had hoped to "save a few dollars" to help her singing career on return to Sydney. Cathy Warnes was one of three Australian women killed during the Vietnam war. The other two, **Lee Makk** and **Margaret Moses** were welfare workers who died in an aeroplane crash in 1975.

RIP Cathy, Lee and Margaret.

GHOST SCULPTURES



"Ghostlike" sculptures of soldiers who died in World War One have been erected next to their graves in a village cemetery.

The life-size figures of 11 men have been placed in Slimbridge churchyard in Gloucestershire. Sculptor Jackie Lantelli created them out of chicken wire to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

During the week of the reunion we have a number of activities that appear on our agenda. The following is a little more information regarding the reunion.

BUS CAPTAINS: We have a number of people who have volunteered to act as bus captains. Upon your arrival at the Emu Beach caravan park, you will receive a welcoming letter with information relevant to the reunion. This will indicate who your bus captain will be.

EMU POINT SPORTING CLUB: We will be holding a number of functions at the sporting club. The first of which, is our initial get together on the Monday. The Emu Point Sporting Club is located directly behind the caravan park. An easy walk to the back of the caravan park where you will find a gate. Go through the gate, turn to your left and the club is located approx. 100 mtrs down the road. This event includes dinner.

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES: The men will be picked up at the front of the caravan park and taken by bus to the City of Albany Civic Centre where we will hold our meeting followed by lunch. The ladies will be picked up at the front of the caravan park and taken by two buses to your tour. This includes a tour of the Whaling Station and the Gap and Natural Bridge. It will be followed by lunch at the Whaling Station restaurant.

At the completion of these activities, all attendees will be taken back to the Sporting Club where the bar will be open. A Bar B Q dinner will end the day.

PARADE AND SERVICE: Wednesday is the day of our Freedom of Entry Parade and service. The City of Albany have gone to great lengths to make this an event to remember. This activity will be followed by lunch at the Due South Function Centre. Once again, attendees will be picked up by bus from the front of the caravan park and taken to York street, Albany for the parade and service. The buses will then take us to lunch. The evening is free.

NOTE: Medals are to be worn for the parade and service.

THURSDAY: VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE and our DINNER. We will be taken by bus to the ANZAC Centre for the tour. This will be done in three shifts to cater for our numbers. There is the Garrison Restaurant next door to the ANZAC Centre where we have an area reserved for us for lunch. This is a Buy Your Own lunch as we will be going in at odd times. There will be a menu provided for you in your hand out package. For our dinner, we will be picked up and taken by bus to the Le Grande Motel, where we will be looked after by mine host Joe Lembo. We will be running the usual raffle with some great prizes.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST: Once again we will be at the Emu Point Sporting Club for breakfast and the wind up of our Albany reunion. Most people have indicated that they will stay for lunch. This is a Buy Your Own lunch at reasonable prices, Friday is a free evening.

REUNION AGENDA

REUNION DATES 14th October – 18th October 2019

MONDAY 14th October 2019

1530 – 2200 Registration, Comradeship and dinner at Emu Point Sporting Club.

TUESDAY 15th October 2019

1000 – 1200 Meeting (Civic Rooms Albany Shire Offices with light lunch)

1000 – 1300 Ladies Tour (Incl lunch)

1430 – 1700 Comradeship Emu Point Sporting Club

1700 B B Q Dinner at Emu Point Sporting Club

WEDNESDAY 16th October 2019

1000 – 1200 “Freedom of Entry” Parade and Service

1200 – 1300 Lunch in Albany (Due South Function Centre)

FREE EVENING

THURSDAY 17th October 2019

1030 – 1430 Tour of ANZAC Centre. (Three Shifts)

1830 – 2330 Semi Formal Dinner – Le Grande Motel.

FRIDAY 18th October 2019

0900 - 1200 Breakfast (at Emu Point Sporting Club)

1200 Lunch (Buy Your Own) and Wind up and farewell.

FREE EVENING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Good Afternoon,

Would you like to be a part of our latest little fund raiser? Would you like your own personalized white picket on the soon to be erected fence to surround the Grumman Tracker.

I've attached the paperwork and some snaps to inspire you. It's a glorious sunny afternoon here on the Island – hope you're all enjoying the same wherever you are.

Regards, Liz

Liz Fincher

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If an oriental person is spun around several times, does he become disoriented?

Why are people from Poland called Poles, and people from Holland not called Holes?

Why is the man who invests your money called a broker?

Why is a wise man wise, and a wise guy not wise?

Why do overlook and oversee not have similar meanings?

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Is 'I do' the longest sentence?

Lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked. Are electricians delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged and models deposed?

Why can't the English language be more simple?

ALLAN JONES INTERVIEW

DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF US ARE AFFECTED BUT THOSE WHO ARE MAY FIND THIS INTERESTING AND PERHAPS WE MAY GET A GOOD OUTCOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE

This broadcast is totally worth taking the time and listening Disregard the car ads

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The troops at the Sunshine Coast reunion